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Project complexity and MDOT's plan review schedules bring about construction delay recommendation

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

It now appears constraints beyond the city's control will delay the completion of the Downtown Development Authority project until 1998.

The second phase of the project, set for 1997, is in jeopardy because of property acquisition and Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) plan review and bidding requirements.

It appears that the state's normal design process will not be completed until late summer (August) and bids will not be received until September, which will not allow enough time to complete the project in 1997. The city could decide to go ahead and finish its streetscape work in '97 and have MDOT finish its work in '1998.

The information presented by Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale and Steve Nichols and John LeFevre of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber was a disheartening pill for many of the councilmen to swallow.

"The plan was to have M-21 paved and the project completed in 1997," Lowell mayor Bill Thompson said. "That plan has been known for quite some time. Now it sounds like we have to go back and tell people it's going to

be another year before the project is completed."

MDOT is responsible for funding 60 percent of the overall project. Those projects consist of the milling and resurfacing of M-21; re-decking of the Flat River Bridge; and widening of the M-21/Hudson Street intersection with a new traffic signal.

Before the curb radius at the intersection can be widened, the Kent County Road Commission must acquire property right-of-way from the owners. Nichols said that could take up to six months.

"MDOT requires that this be done before the bidding process is started," Nichols said. "Starting the project in September/October would mean it would only be partially completed by winter."

To avoid confusion, Nichols said starting the project in 1998 will be the least disruptive to the downtown businesses and the most cost-effective approach.

"The city will also get better prices by bidding out the project in early 1998 than late in the construction season in 1997," Nichols explained.

Pasquale said complexities of the job coordination and funding lend the work toward a single contract under MDOT. Nichols said having just one contractor should minimize the time that the intersection is partially closed and traffic is

detoured.

Nichols said the city will be receiving enhancement grant monies for the portion of the project from the curb lines back to the buildings.

Councilmember Jeanne Shores said getting the intersection widened has been a top priority of hers since the early 80's.

"I just hope it gets completed before I die," Shores said. "I'm guessing there are no guarantees that the project will be completed in 1998."

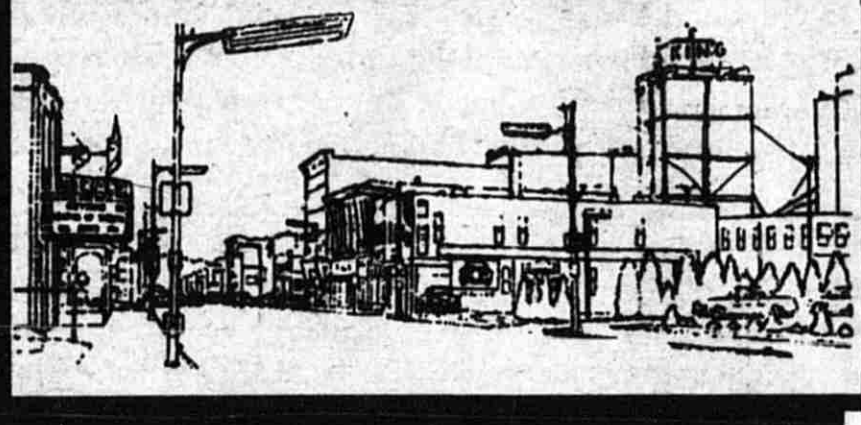
LeFevre said he felt the involvement of Nichols, a local voice from West Michigan, should help in making sure things get done in 1998.

The DDA is responsible for a water main and streetscape work from Broadway to Lincoln Lake along with new light poles.

Councilman Don Green said if the project is delayed until 1998, then the old lights at the west end should be turned back on.

The DDA board was scheduled to discuss the project at its meeting on Thursday (Jan. 9).

Along Main Street



LITTLE LEAGUE MEETING

The next Lowell Little League meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Key Heights Community building.

LMS PRESENTS "YARD SALE"

The Lowell Middle School eighth-grade drama class will present "Yard Sale" Thursday, Jan. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the LMS cafeteria. Admission is free.

GIFTED AND TALENTED PARENT SUPPORT MEETING

A workshop will be held at Highlands Middle School cafeteria on 4645 Chandy NE on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 1997 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. It is entitled "To be gifted and learning disabled" with Dr. Susan Baum. There is no charge. If any questions, call Mary Nell Baldwin at 364-1333.

PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHOOL'S FIVE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

You are invited to assist Lowell Area Schools in developing five guiding principles for our community and schools. This will take place on Thursday, Jan. 16 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the Lowell Middle School Cafeteria, 750 Foreman Rd. Please call 897-8415 with your RSVP or any questions.

HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

The Lowell Area Historical Association will host a public program entitled "Who Is It? What Is It? Where Is It?" Bring in your items (such as photos, memorabilia, etc.) of the Lowell area to share or have identified - or help us in identifying some of our mysteries.

This meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 7:30 p.m. at Lowell Township Hall. It will be preceded by the annual board meeting and election of officers at 6 p.m. at the same location. The public is invited to both meetings.

Restoration of Lee's Landing cost prohibitive for Reagan; building to be razed within a month

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

If heart could have saved the Lee's Landing building, Jim Reagan could have prevented its demolition.

Reagan spent nearly a month gathering information and numbers on the deteriorating building.

"I made the decision 15 minutes before the special meeting," Reagan told the Lowell City Council. "I made the decision with my head, not my heart."

In the end, those numbers were what helped Reagan decide against renovating the building.

"Jim put a lot of heart into trying to save the building from being demolished," Lowell city manager Dave Pasquale said.

Reagan said the time was well spent. "There will be no second guessing," Reagan said. "I did my homework."

The cost to restore the building's shell, roof and floor was approximately \$400,000. "The interior work needed so that the building could be rented would run another \$400,000," Reagan said. "Had there been someone lined up to rent it, then maybe the decision to fix it would have been easier."

The cost to tear down the building and rebuild is about the same as restoring and reno-

vating, according to Reagan.

"I think it is always money well spent to fix up the old. People like the atmosphere that comes with history," he said.

Blair Bates, contractor, provided Reagan with financial numbers to restore the shell and preserve the building.

"I didn't undertake this looking to learn a lesson," Reagan explained. "However, the lesson is not to let another building decay due to neglect. We have to let business people know that some buildings need to be maintained better."

Pasquale concurred. "Some a lot better," he said. "There are some buildings that need extensive repair."

Reagan noted there are people who will provide business owners with help on how to maintain their windows and roofs.

"Had more than patch work been done at Lee's Landing, it could have been financially feasible to save the building," Reagan said.

Reagan and Pasquale said the Downtown Development Authority is talking with FMB State Savings Bank about purchasing a downtown business building and fixing it up to historic standards and then selling it.

Reagan also talked to a contractor who specializes in

historic buildings. "He is will-

ing to talk to business people about maintaining historic buildings and what can be done on an individual basis," he said.

Mayor Bill Thompson said the amount of time and research Reagan put into trying to save the building proves Lee's Land-

ing is beyond help.

The demolition is scheduled for sometime in January. Pitsch Companies has been contracted to do the work for \$42,000.

"An actual date will be set after we meet with Pitsch officials," Pasquale said.

Refinancing of 1990 school bonds could spell relief for district taxpayers

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

The proposed refinancing of \$16 million in bonds could save Lowell taxpayers about \$391,000.

When the bonds were issued in 1990, the finance rate was at 6.73 percent. If the current rate holds, the bonds would be refinanced today at 5.41 percent.

"It all depends on the market," Lowell's acting business

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OBITUARIES

INGENTHORN - John George Ingenthorn, aged 82, of Lowell, died Wednesday, January 1, 1997. He is survived by his brothers Albert, Aleious, Bernie; sisters Irene (Victor) Schwacha, all of Lowell. Florence Morse of Mancelona; many nieces and nephews. Mass of Christian Burial was offered Saturday at St. Mary Church. Rev. George J. Fekete, presiding. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary Church. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

LOWELL - Wayne A. Lowell, aged 71, of Saranac, passed away at his residence on January 4, 1997. He was born June 9, 1925 to the parents of Earl (Elsie Vaneck) Smith. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the Marines as a Marine Raider. He retired from Oliver Machinery in Grand Rapids in 1982. As a wood worker he was known throughout the state. He was a member of the Galilee Baptist Church in Saranac and also a Deacon.

He married Norma Towner May 5, 1962 in Grand Rapids. Besides his wife he is survived by two special daughters and six special grandchildren. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Galilee Baptist Church with Rev. James Frank officiating. Interment Pinckney Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Helping Hands Hospice or the Galilee Baptist Church. Arrangements by Lake Funeral Home in Saranac.

MYERS - David F. Myers, aged 61, of Lowell, died unexpectedly in Ohio. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Margaret; children John (Barb) Myers of Freeport, Steven Myers of Grand Rapids, Christine (Michael) Rau of Onekema, Thomas Myers of Ada; one grandson Troy; brother Alfred Myers of FL; sisters Virginia Brewer of Grand Rapids; Elizabeth (Thomas) Norton of SC; mother-in-law Florence Wosinski of Parnell; brothers and sisters-in-law, Joseph (Joyce) Wosinski, Earl

(Delores) Wosinski, Janet (Forrest) Briemeyer, Phillip (Kathleen) Wosinski, Kenneth (Barbara) Wosinski, Donald (Janet) Wosinski; several nieces and nephews. He was the proud member of the U.S. Marine Corp and served three tours in Vietnam. VFW, AMVETS, and American Legion. Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday at St. Patrick's Church, Parnell. Rev. Wayne B. Wheeler, Celebrant. Interment St. Patrick's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to VFW Home for Children. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

RYDER - James W. Ryder, aged 62, of Lowell, died January 4, 1997. Surviving is his

wife of 28 years Louise, children Tim and David Ryder, Bob, Jack, Dennie, Theresa Hanson; mother Emma Oesch; brothers Richard and Clara, Roger, Charles and Stacey and two grandsons. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday (today) 1 p.m. at Roth-Gerst Chapel, Rev. George Fekete of St. Mary Church officiating. Interment Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions to your favorite charity. Arrangements by Roth-Gerst, Lowell.

WILBUR - Mrs. Crystal M. Wilbur, aged 83, of Lowell, passed away Tuesday, December 31, 1996 at the Ionia Memorial Hospital. Crystal was preceded in death by her husband Dallas O. Wilbur

and her sister Virginia Murray. Surviving are her son Douglas and Paula Wilbur of Lowell; step-grandchildren Scott and Matt and many foster children. Private family services have taken place and interment was at Rest Lawn Memorial Park. Memorial contributions in her name are suggested to the Alton Bible Church, 2780 Lincoln Lake Avenue, Lowell, MI 49331. Arrangements by Metcalf & Jonkhoff Funeral Service.

WINCHESTER - Mr. Charles (Ed) Winchester, aged 82, of Holland, went to be with his Lord Friday morning, January 3, 1997. He was preceded in death by a daughter Jacqueline Holton and a grandson Douglas Holton.

Surviving are his wife Katherine; his children Patricia and William Vanderbilt of Holland, Charles Jr. and Lois Winchester of Middleville, Jane and Gary Crosby of Alto, Mary and Harry Burgess of Holland; 14 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; his sister and brother Wilma Johnson of Cadillac and John and Jo Winchester of Mesa, AZ. The Funeral Service was held Monday at the Peace Reformed Church, Middleville, Rev. Wayne Kiel officiating. Interment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions to the Ottawa-Allegan Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements by Stroo Funeral Home.

Beachum presented with devoted service award



Don Beachum, of Lowell, receives a gift certificate after 23 years of devoted service to the Oceana County Health Club of Ferry. Beachum has been in charge of all maintenance, repairs and lawn care of the club since 1973. He received the award from several members. Pictured from left to right are Bob Kropf, Charlie Pierce, Don Beachum, Phil Johnson and Bob Reagan. Not present at the dinner honoring Beachum were Duke Thomet, Jerry Smith and Jerry DeForest.

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GIRLFRIEND'S MIGRAINE MISERY

Q: My girlfriend has suffered terribly from migraine headache as long as I've known her and for years before that. We're wondering about migraine and chiropractic.

A: When it comes to producing pure pain and anguish, migraine headache has few rivals. Typically, the pain - often a throbbing, pulsating pain - arises at one or both temples before swelling through the head and, upon occasion, even reaching into the face and neck. Spots before the eyes are common and the visual field may shrink while the unbearable pain continues. Nausea, retching and vomiting are not unusual. The migraine victim neither

knows when the next attack will come nor how long it will last. An attack may subside after a couple of hours, but can go on for a couple of days or more. This makes planning one's life - even a party next week - very questionable, to say the least.

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A disturbance of blood circulation in the head and neck is often a chief factor in migraine. Impinged spinal nerves, especially in the neck, are often implicated, too. In many cases, after verifying spinal nerve involvement and other important factors, chiropractors routinely treat this complex disorder with appropriate chiropractic methods.



Dr. Anthony Trombly

Business Matters

The 1996 Beauty-Craft Hair Stylist of the Year for the state of Michigan has just been announced and Heidi Christine of Heidi Christine's beauty salon in Ada took top honors for her

work during 1996. She will now go on to the North American finals in San Diego, which is scheduled for January 18.

"Putting energy into my hair designs and caring about the people that come to the salon are my two top priorities. Winning the state title is a great honor and I look forward to putting my work up against the rest of North America. Heidi Christine's

beauty salon has given me the opportunity and encouragement to take hair design to the next level" says Christine.

She has been an image consultant for 15 years and is the driving force behind Heidi Christine's beauty salon. The salon has 16 image consultants and is located in the heart of downtown Ada.

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Township looks to catch up with cost of living as pay increases are discussed

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

As the cost of living increases, many employees receive raises that offset the increase, unless you're an elected official in Lowell Charter Township.

The township's clerk, trustee, and supervisor have gone without a raise for four years as the nation's cost of living index has increased on an average of five percent each year. Currently, each of them earn \$14,742 a year.

The township board is entertaining a change to that situation as a five percent raise for the trio has been discussed.

The board hasn't approved the increase, but all agree increases are due.

"Four years is a long time to go without a raise," said

trustee Alyn Fletcher.

Trustee Dick Huver agrees it's time to give the trio a raise and said when put into perspective, the raises are minimal.

"If you calculate a five percent raise this year over the four years they haven't received a raise, then the increase is small," said Huver. "What they lost during that time is gone. A five percent raise seems a very reasonable request."

Township supervisor John Timpson said if raises are handed out, then the township's assessor should also benefit from an increase.

"I told him that if he could get our assessor totally computerized, I would see what I could do. He's done that and

now I would like to reward him for his efforts," said Timpson.

While the township ponders the raise request, it will also look at supplying its trustees with some form of medical insurance.

"Since we're elected officials, we should all be covered by the same benefits," said Huver.

Currently, the township provides hospitalization insurance to one full-time employee, Susan Ullery, the deputy treasurer. Its supervisor, clerk, and treasurer each receive \$1,500 towards medical insurance expenses each year.

Wells said the township isn't sure how much medical coverage could be supplied to

trustees and at what cost, but added she will contact the Michigan Township's Association to see if other municipalities in the state offer such a program.

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Dick Huver
Lowell Charter Township Trustee

City council approves new hours for Englehardt Library

When the new Englehardt Public Library opens in February, patrons will notice increased space and extended hours. The library will be open Monday through Saturday, 36 hours a week - that is up from the current 29 hours.

The Lowell City Council approved Kent District Library's formal request in the extension of hours of facility operations.

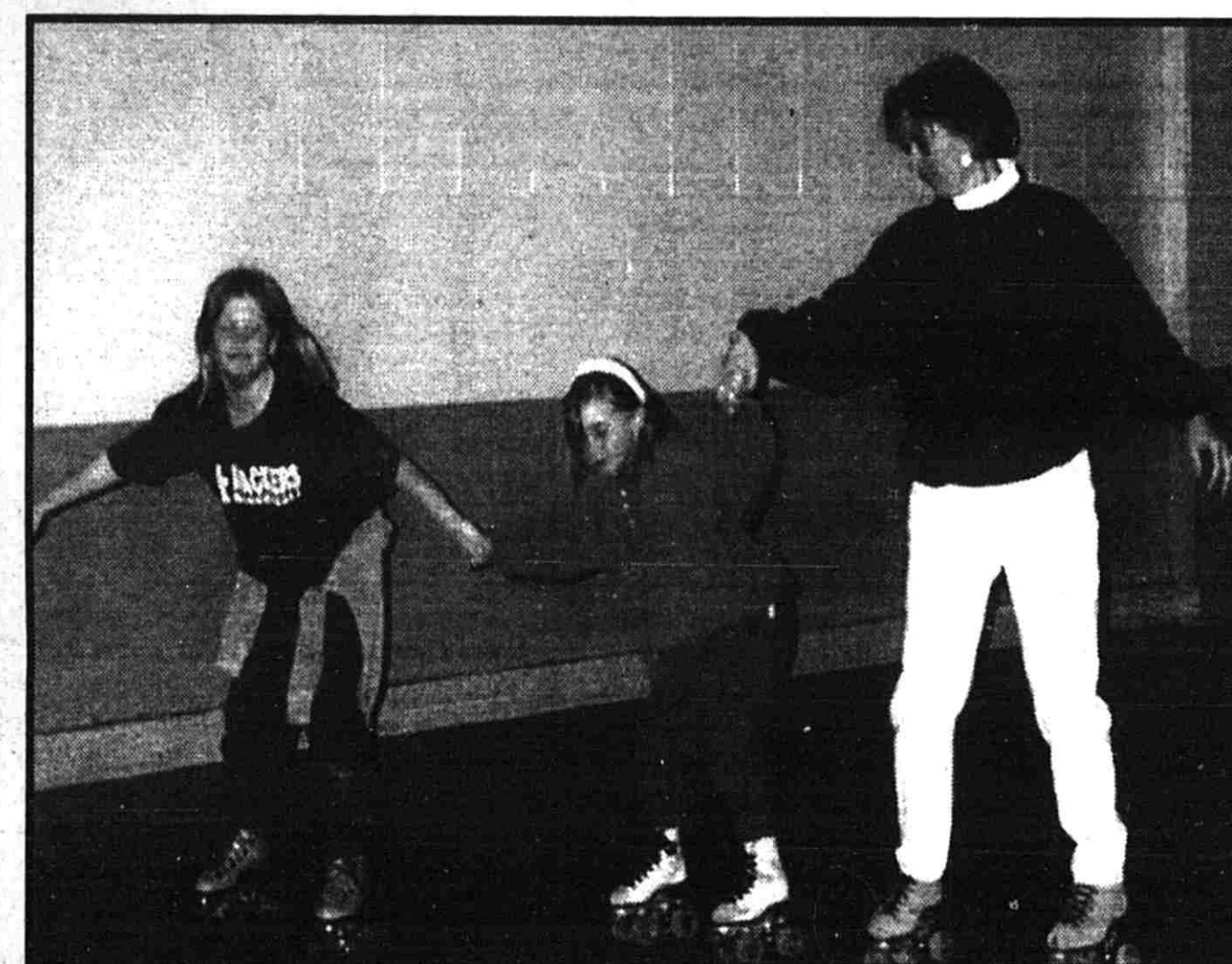
The new library hours will be as follows:

Monday: 1 - 8 p.m.
Tuesday: 1 - 5 p.m.
Wednesday: 1 - 8 p.m.
Thursday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday: 1 - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Fit for Life campaign celebrates successful first month



Megan Claypool and Teresa Phillips roller skating to the chicken dance.



Club advisor Marcia Scheider helping two members stay vertical.

The Lowell Cherry Creek Elementary Fit for Life Club celebrated its first month of successes with a free roller skating party at Roll Away, Ltd. Bowling and Skating Rink.

Club members who successfully fulfilled their exercise and nutritional requirements for the month of December will be treated to a free bowling party.

Providing rewards for those members who exceeded their required goals were Lowell YMCA, Aquinas College, Lowell High School Athletic Dept., Attwood, Lowell PTO, Roll Away, Ada-Lowell 5 and Springgrove Variety.

VERGENNES TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Vergennes Township Board meetings for 1997 are scheduled as follows:

January 20	July 21
February 17	August 18
March 31	September 15
April 21	October 20
May 19	November 17
June 16	December 15

The board will meet the third Monday of every month (except March, which will be on the 31st) at the Township Hall at 10381 Bailey Dr. at 7:00 p.m. Phone 897-5671.

The Planning Commission meetings for 1997 are scheduled as follows:

January 6	July 7
February 3	August 4
March 3	September 2
April 7	October 6
May 5	November 3
June 2	December 1

All Planning Commission meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall.

Mari Stone
Vergennes Township Clerk

CITY OF LOWELL SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

As referenced in the Snow Removal Ordinance #86-1, all occupants or owners of any premises or property are responsible to keep sidewalks and areas adjacent to existing sidewalks clear of snow and ice within twenty-four hours of snow fall.

No person shall cause snow to be piled or discarded upon another premises or property without permission. No person shall cause snow to be piled or discarded upon any public property, street right-of-way, or sidewalk so as to obstruct its normal use.

Any occupant or property owner that violates this ordinance will be fined.

CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

On Thursday, January 9, 1997, Denny's Disposal will be picking up Christmas trees. The trees must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. with a red bag attached.

If there are any questions, please contact Denny's Disposal 691-8530.

Betty R. Morlock
Deputy City Clerk

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Homespun Devotions

By Pauline Spray

Casting all your care upon him: for he careth for you (I Peter 5:7)

If I've heard my mother say, "Straighten up, Pauline!" once, I've heard her say it dozens of times. When I was a child at home, I was a constant worry to her because of my bad posture.

There is another reason why people are "stoop-shouldered." King Solomon said very wisely that heaviness in the heart of man maketh it to stoop.

Many people are troubled with heavy hearts. But they are carrying burdens which they need not carry. Jesus has bidden us to cast our worries, our griefs, our troubles, and cares upon Him. To those who labor and are heavy laden, He has promised rest. He has promised comfort to those

who mourn. If we but wholly trust Him, He can release us of our loads and give us joy and peace.

Does heaviness of heart cause you, fellow Christian, to bend beneath your load? If so, straighten up! Cast the weight you are carrying upon Him. You need not have "stooped shoulders."

Prayer: My Father which art in heaven, Thou hast bidden me to come boldly to the throne of grace and cast all my cares upon Thee. I thank Thee because Thou carest enough for me to lift my burden and carry my load. Just now I take Thee at Thy Word, surrender my troubles to Thee, and accept Thy peace and joy. Amen.

Holy Ghost, with light divine.

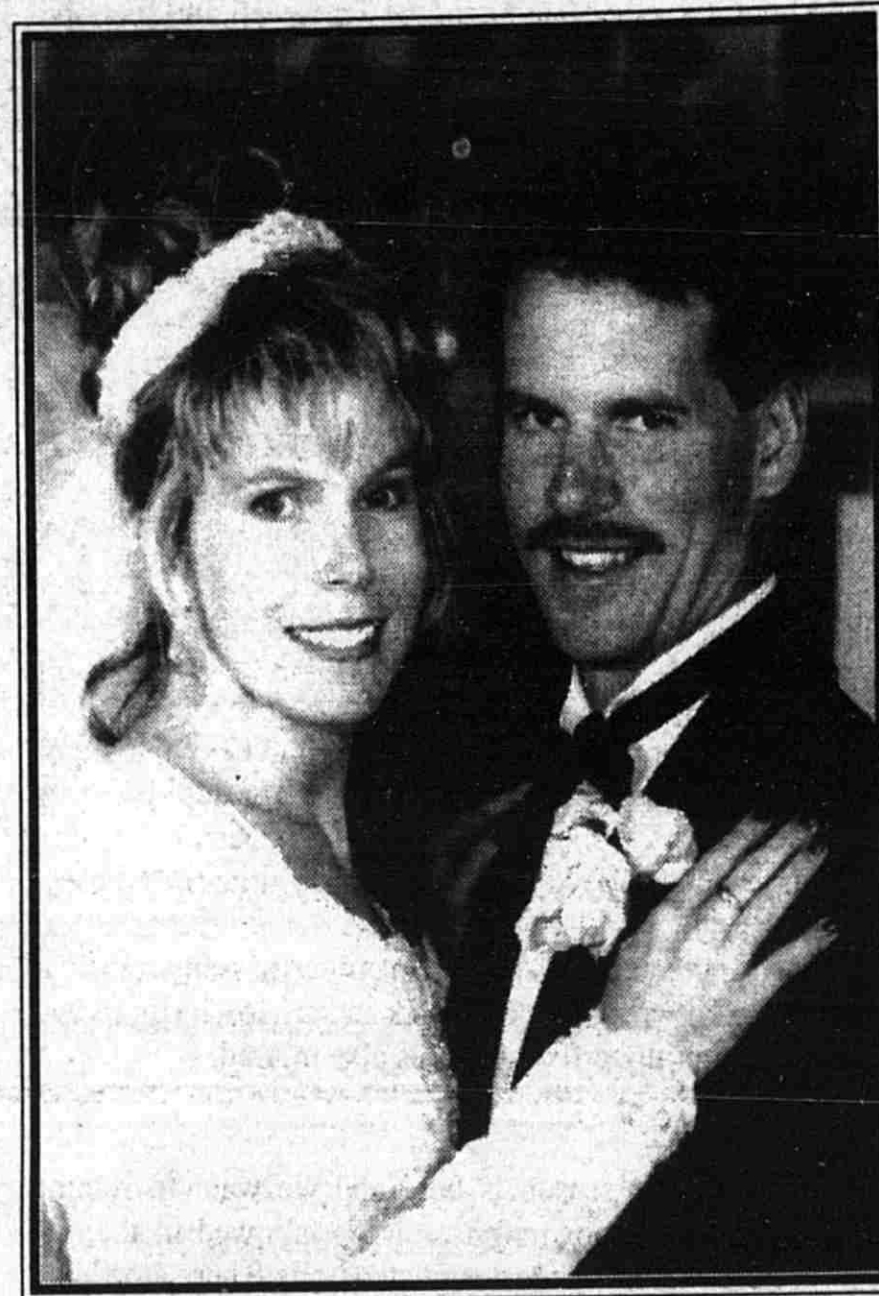
Shine upon this heart of mine;

Chase the shades of night away;

Turn my darkness into day.

Andrew Reed

Rademacher and Rickert exchange September vows



Doreen and Matthew Rademacher

Doreen Ann Rickert and Matthew James Rademacher exchanged wedding vows on September 28, 1996 at St. James Catholic Church.

Parents of the couple are Darle and Joan Rickert of

Lowell and Tom and Pat Rademacher of Grand Rapids.

Matron of honor was Marcie Myers. Bridesmaids were Debra Anchors, Diane Jager, Molly Virkstis, Mary Rademacher and Olga Pung. Flower girl was Sherry Jager.

Best man was Tom Ford. Groomsmen were Tom Rademacher, Jay Rickert, John Bouwhuis, Tim Winkels and John Ciccone. Ringbearer was Tommy Rademacher. Ushers were Joe Rademacher and Jeff Rickert.

First Baptist Church welcomes Gospelmen Quartet Jan. 12

The Gospelmen Quartet will be performing on Sunday, Jan. 12, at 9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Lowell.

The quartet, based out of Flint, is committed to the cause of Christ and has ministered at churches and performed at concerts and fairs, as well as many other special events all across Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

The group includes Todd Brewer, sound engineer; Steve Morris, lead singer; R. W. Hammond, bass singer; Gregg Martin, baritone singer; and David Potts, tenor singer.

For booking information contact Gregg Martin at (810) 631-4378.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- JANUARY 9 - Jordan Potter.
- JANUARY 10 - Mary Jo Vezino.
- JANUARY 11 - Katie Plutschow.
- JANUARY 12 - Judy Ellison, Stuart Säuber, Mike Vezino.
- JANUARY 13 - Jake Sterzick.
- JANUARY 14 - Angie Nowak, Ryan Burns, Tim Yonker.
- JANUARY 15 - Dennis Burns.

Has the winter flu caught up with you?

When the cold and flu season strikes, you can strike back with these tips from the Safety Council for West Michigan: To avoid viruses, wash your hands frequently and keep them away from your eyes, nose, and mouth.

The best nourishment for colds and flu is frequent small servings of nutritious liquids and light foods.

Grandma's advice to drink plenty of fluids and stay in bed is probably still the best remedy.

For further information on protecting yourself and your family from seasonal hazards, or any other safety issues, please contact the Safety Council for West Michigan at 1-800-704-7676 or (616) 344-6189.

William Harvey, an English physician, showed in 1628 how blood circulates continuously through the human body.

Viewpoint



By Priscilla Lussmyer

Ledger Entries of 100, 75, 50 and 25 Years Ago

100 YEARS AGO IN THE LOWELL LEDGER - JAN. 8, 1897

Finding Sommers and Tradewell's saloon open on New Years Day, in Grand Rapids, two officers enter and are assaulted with "clubs, beer bottles, glasses, etc." One officer is

knocked out, the other fatally shoots Tradewell and then the patrol wagon arrives and loads up.

"Old Subscriber" writes that "McCarty's snake," a monster said to be 15 feet long, was killed by hunters Joseph Fallant and Herbert Chase in Mr. Parson's woods in South Boston.

The "purling Grand" River has its back up this week, enough to stop the King Milling Company water wheel; and the Flat soaks 2,000 bushels of Charlie McCarty's corn at the Wisner Mill (wet corn + snake stories = Snake Juice?)

75 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER AND THE ALTO SOLO - JAN. 5, 1922

A community Father and Son banquet will be held at City Hall Thursday. Sons must be 12 or older.

Dr. Paul Voelcker of Olivet College will give the dedication address for the new Congregational Church parsonage Sunday.

The Grand Rapids health officer and Kent County auditor argue about assigning patients to hospitals. The auditor wants all cases to go to the county infirmary—cheaper.

Increase in state delinquent taxes is resulting in a nearly empty treasury.

Harvey Callier is being sued by an injured passenger in a car that ran into Callier's truck. The truck had just lost its lights and the man attempting to fix them was also injured.

50 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER - JAN. 9, 1947

South Boston Grange celebrates its 70th anniversary in its historic building on US-16.

One-fifth of the United States population lives on farms, and one-third of the children.

Now that the needed pipe has arrived, Common Council has authorized an ice-skating rink for Bert Purchase's farm on South Hudson.

Almost three million babies were born in 1946.

Top news story of 1946: Republican sweep of state and congressional elections. #2: Twelve top Nazis sentenced to hang at end of Nuremberg trials.

25 YEARS AGO IN THE LEDGER/SUBURBAN LIFE - JAN. 6, 1972

More than 300 crowd into the Lowell high school auditorium for an open seminar on drug abuse. A hotline has been installed to collect information on how drugs are brought into the community.

Carlen Anderson is the new mayor of Lowell.

The new Age of Majority law that went into effect at 12 o'clock New Year's Eve allows 18 to 20-year-olds to enter bars. Police chief Emmons reports a quiet evening.

Snow finally made an appearance Thursday.

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Recent newspaper articles have been very complimentary to the Lowell Light & Power Company. As longtime residential customers of Lowell Light & Power, we would like to add this note of appreciation.

Through the years, we have found the Lowell Light & Power Company rates to be fair and the service outstanding.

In those few occasions when we have needed emergency service (winter nights, weekends, etc.), the employees of Lowell Light & Power have responded quickly and have done what was needed to resolve our power problems.

In times of widespread weather related power outages, we are usually back "on line" long before many of our friends and neighbors who subscribe to Consumers Power. *Bigger is not always better.*

Thank you Lowell Light & Power and keep up the good work.

David and Sue Simmonds
Lowell Township

Dear Editor:

Snowmobiling season is here and we want to remind snowmobilers that snowmobiling is not allowed in the city limits or fields unless on the designated trails. There are plenty of miles of adequately marked trails. Snowmobiles cause land and crop damage and the snowmobilers are jeopardizing the leasing of these lands for future use. No land, no trail.

The trails are also closed unless there is four inches of snow. Riding on any less snow causes the trail to deteriorate.

Parking is located on South Division on the west side of the street, the Flat River Snowmobile Club, 11841 Potters Rd., Lowell, and the southeast corner of 84th and Alden Nash, Alto (except on Sunday morning).

For information and trail update call 897-5015.

Have a safe season.
Roxann Roth, secretary, Flat River Snowmobile Club

for those who want cheap, immature thrills. Do they really hope to accomplish something by these acts?

Troop 102 does not deserve this abuse. For over 50 years they have served you, the people of Lowell. Troop 102 has been a very proactive group while at the same time providing us with many chicken and chili dinners. The Boy Scout cabin is a place where the lives of our youth are shaped. Why destroy something that would alter the mission of Boy Scouting?

I was active with Troop 102 for eight years, eventually attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. There is a certain fondness that has grown from that camaraderie. Let's stop and think next time as we drive down N. Washington that the Lowell By Scout cabin is here to serve our youth. It's been a lifelong service to me.

Peter Willis
Eagle Scout '90
Troop 102 1985-1993

Letters, Letters, Letters...

The Lowell Ledger welcomes all "Letters to the Editor" for publication on its "Viewpoint" page. Letters can be typed or written. However, we ask that they do not exceed one written page or one typed, double-spaced page.

"Letters to the Editor" should be sent to the Lowell Ledger, 105 N. Broadway, P.O. Box 128, Lowell, MI 49331.

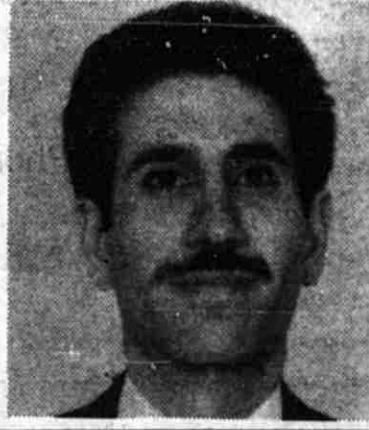
Editing may be necessary for space, clarity and to avoid obscenity, libel or invasion of privacy.

The Lowell Ledger thanks you in advance for your cooperation.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>ADA COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH 7227 Thornapple River Dr. 676-1032 Pastor: THOMAS J. BARTHA Morning Worship.....9:30 A.M. Sunday School.....11:00 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. We invite you to make this community church your church home. WELCOME TO ALL.</p>	<p>DAY BIBLE CHAPEL "A friendly church with a life changing message" Worship with us this Sunday and find yourself part of a caring church family! Day Bible Chapel is an independent and nondenominational church. (COME AS YOU ARE) Location: The church is just east of the intersection of Centerline and Pinkney, north of M-21. Worship Service.....10 A.M. Call 897-6332 anytime Rev. Frank Lattimore</p>	<p>CALVARY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF LOWELL REV. William J. Rankema - 897-7060 1151 West Main Street, Lowell, MI. Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M. Sunday School.....11:20 A.M. Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M. Nursery available at both services Barrier-Free</p>	<p>LOWELL WESLEYAN CHURCH "A great place to bring your family!" 1069 N. Lincoln Lake Rd. Phone 897-6890 or 897-8304 Sunday Morning Worship begins at 11 A.M. Pastor Bill Price</p>
<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 621 E. Main Street • 897-5936 REGULAR HOURS Morning Worship.....8:30 & 11:00 A.M. Sunday School.....9:50 A.M. Wednesday Worship.....6:45 P.M. REV. B. GORDON BARRY Nursery & child care available</p>	<p>EVERGREEN MISSIONARY CHURCH 1501 S. Newland • Ph. 897-7185 Sunday School.....9:45 A.M. Morning Worship.....11 A.M. Evening Service.....6:00 P.M. Prayer and Praise - Wed., 7:30 P.M. GLENN H. MARKS - Senior Pastor, 897-9110 STAN GERIG - Associate Pastor, 897-5894 ALL ARE WELCOME! (Barrier-Free)</p>	<p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 10305 Bluewater Highway (Missouri Synod) Halfway between Lowell & Saranac on M-21 Sunday School.....9:00 A.M. Sunday Worship.....10:00 A.M. (Nursery available) Wednesday Evening.....7:00 P.M. JOSEPH FREMER, PASTOR 897-8307 All facilities are wheelchair accessible</p>	<p>EMMAUS LUTHERAN Serving SE Kent County Meeting At: Pine Ridge Elementary School 3250 Redford S.E. Bill Brandner - Pastor 897-1584 WORSHIP 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 A.M. Church office 956-6895 We invite you to "walk" with us.</p>
<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LOWELL 2275 West Main Street Sun. Worship Service.....9:30AM & 6:00PM Sunday School Hours.....11:00AM Contact Church Office for Prayer Mgt. Times 897-7188 JOE GERKIN, PASTOR</p>	<p>ALTON BIBLE CHURCH Lincoln Lake Ave. at 3 Mile Road Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Evening Praise.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday AWANA.....7:00 P.M. (Sept. - April) Prayer and Bible Study.....7:30 P.M. Pastor Ken Ford (Home) 897-6418 897-5648 YOU ARE WELCOME!</p>	<p>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LOWELL (United Church of Christ) 404 North Hudson • 897-5906 Worship and Church School.....10:00 A.M. Dr. Roger LaWarre.....Pastor Joe Le Pard.....Director of Education Meghan Cullen.....Music Director Barrier-Free</p>	<p>LOWELL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 201 N. Washington • 897-8800 Sunday School.....10:00 A.M. Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening.....6:00 P.M. Wednesday Family Ministry.....7:00 P.M. TIMOTHY E. HARMON, Minister Staffed Nursery Provided Barrier-Free Entrance</p>

LEGAL EASE
By Jonathan David



DEAR JONATHAN: I am interested in making an offer on a house being sold by owner. The owner and I have briefly talked about terms and he seems amenable to my offer but he told me that I need to put it in writing. How do I go about doing this? Do I need to get a realtor or a lawyer involved?

JONATHAN SAYS: Since you have already found a house you are interested in purchasing and since neither you nor the seller are working with a realtor, it doesn't make sense at this point to involve a realtor. However, you might want to contact an attorney who has experience in residential real estate matters to draft or help you draft your offer. This is important because there are many nuances involved in these types of transactions and you want to make sure that the offer you present is accurate as to your terms, has certain built-in protections for you and will bind the seller if the seller accepts your terms.

You also might want to review some of the preprinted form agreements which are available and possibly even use one of these forms when making your offer. However, I still recommend that you have an attorney at least review the offer prior to you presenting it to the seller.

Once the agreement is executed, the attorney can also give you some guidance as to what should be done prior to closing.

Further, the attorney can review the closing documents for you to make sure that you understand them and that they comply with the terms of your agreement.

Good luck.

DEAR JONATHAN: I have watched two elderly friends of mine be subjected to guardian and conservatorship hearings due to their infirmities and it has not been a pleasant process. I also know from reading your column that these hearings could have been avoided if they had implemented a power of attorney naming someone to act for them upon their disability. Consequently I have decided to implement a power of attorney naming my son as the person who should act for me. Although I trust my son, how do I protect myself from him taking advantage of me once I appoint him?

JONATHAN SAYS: First of all, the type of power of attorney you are talking about is a durable power of attorney. This is a power of attorney which will survive your disability and allow your son to act as your agent when you can't act for yourself. A regular power of attorney would be rendered void upon you ever becoming disabled.

When deciding on who you want to act as your agent under the durable power of attorney, it is very important that you pick someone you trust, someone who will act in your best interests and not their own. Since you have already indicated that you trust your son, it would appear that he is a good choice for you to act in this capacity. You should also think about naming an alternate agent who you trust to act in the event your son cannot for some reason.

You can also protect yourself by drafting the durable power of attorney so that it only becomes effective upon your disability. The problem with this approach is that you restrict the use of the document to those times in which you are disabled. Also,

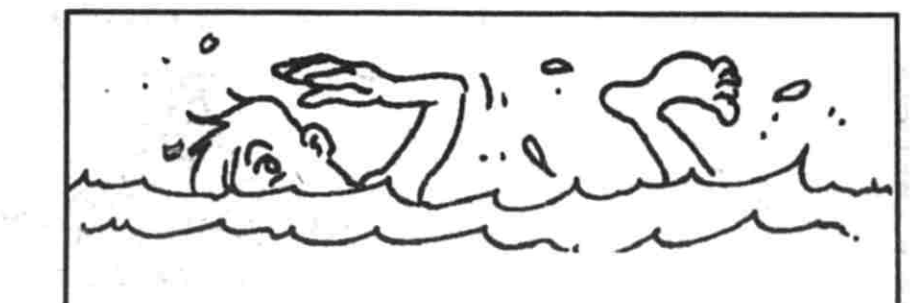
in most cases, your son would be required to prove to third parties that you are in fact disabled before they will honor the document.

Another approach is to prepare the durable power of attorney so that it is effective upon its execution. This means that it can be used at any time even if you are not disabled. This gives you added flexibility and allows the document to be used for your benefit even if you are not disabled but just unavailable. If you are worried about the document being used inappropriately, you can minimize this risk by having your attorney retain the original and any signed copies of the document. This should prevent the document from being used until you are actually disabled or until that time you wish to have your son act in your behalf.

Regardless of which type of durable power of attorney you wish to implement, once your son begins acting as your agent, he has a fiduciary duty to act in your best interests. Hopefully, he will take this responsibility seriously.

Good luck.

The information contained in this column is not to be construed as legal advice or legal representation and should not be relied upon as such. If legal advice or legal representation is desired, please consult with an attorney.



The greatest recorded distance ever swum is 1,826 miles down the Mississippi River. The Oklahoma man who did it was in the water for 74 hours.

Misner, Morse Society help bring history alive for seventh-grade students

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

As Jack Misner's seventh-grade students stand on their tables, they view what's around them (their world) with the perspective of 12 year olds.

The social studies teacher uses this activity to show them that the picture (perspective) they currently hold of the classroom and world will grow larger with education and experience.

History also provides Misner with an opportunity to advance their horizons. "It allows students to enhance their appreciation of where they are and where we've come from," he said.

As a member of the Bugle Corps, Misner had a number

of people who enhanced his appreciation of music.

In an effort to pay back the debt, Misner is trying to do for his students what others did for him.

With his extra time, Misner has started a Benjamin Morse Society. "I wanted to do something beyond the daily routine," he said.

The society begins meeting the second semester of school. It meets for one hour 2:30 until 3:30 p.m.

The purpose of the society, through the study of American history and the examples of its membership, is to honor the heroism and valor of Lowell's Benjamin Morse (recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor during

the Civil War).

Morse was awarded the medal of honor on Feb. 24, 1891 for bravery while in the line of duty and while on a charge of the rebel breastworks the morning of May 12, 1864, at Spottsylvania, Virginia, where he captured the rebel flag.

Following the war, Morse lived in Lowell where he died on Nov. 24, 1908.

In May of 1995, his family honored him by placing a second marker at his grave site. The marker identified Morse as having received our nation's highest award.

The charge of the Benjamin Morse Society is to learn more about American history, to do something for the school community and to

buy up land in Morse's name at the sites where he fought.

With its purchase, the Morse Society receives a personalized honorary deed of ownership for three acres at Wilderness (Virginia). This is done through the Civil War Trust's Friend of the Fields program.

"Let It Snow" adult reading club returns to KDL

The Kent District Library has a great way to take the chill out of winter - warm up to a good book. Join the "Let It Snow" adult reading club at any branch of the Kent District Library. Read 15 books by March 31 and receive a commemorative mug. Participants who complete the reading goal are also invited to attend the end of winter cel-

bration at the Gerald R. Ford Museum for entertainment and prizes. Let It Snow is sponsored by EZ 105.7 FM and WOOD AM 1300.

The 1996/1997 Let It Snow Adult Reading Club provides the opportunity for adults to participate in an adult reading club. In 1995, "Let It Snow" earned a 1994 National

Achievement Citation from the Public Library Association. "The adult reading club has become increasingly popular with the patrons, and the commemorative mugs have become collectibles with different designs each year," said John Van Valkenburg, public relations coordinator.

Kemp Car Show.

This summer Misner has scheduled a trip to Springfield, IL. Students making the trip will visit Lincoln's Tomb, Old State Capitol, Lincoln Depot, Lincoln's home, Lincoln's neighborhood and New Salem.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL

For the Regular Meeting of MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1996.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Thompson and the Deputy City Clerk called the Roll.

Present: Councilmembers Green, Hodges, Myers, Shores and Mayor Thompson.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager David Pasquale, Deputy City Clerk Betty Morlock, Receptionist/Clerk Doris Titcombe, Chief of Police James Valentine, Streets and Parks Supervisor Daniel DesJarden, Lowell Light and Power and Cable TV Superintendent Paul Christman and Director of Public Works Art Gall.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by MYERS that the minutes of the December 2, 1996 meeting be approved as written.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by GREEN that the bills and accounts payable be allowed and the warrants issued.

YEA: Councilmembers Green, Hodges, Myers, Shores and Mayor Thompson.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (12/16/96)

GENERAL FUND	\$ 70,323.85
WASTEWATER FUND	4,409.67
MAJOR STREET	452.04
AIRPORT FUND	40.44
CURRENT TAX FUND	11,643.83
EQUIPMENT FUND	1,190.98
WATER FUND	57,212.03
DDA FUND	156,018.17
LOCAL STREET FUND	519.01
DATA PROCESSING FUND	164.75
BUILDING & SITE FUND	159,437.18

Item #1. VACATION OF RAILROAD STREET - PUBLIC HEARING. At the December 2, 1996 Council meeting, a letter was received from Ryan Brinks of 125 South Grove requesting the City vacate Railroad Street so that he could construct a garage within a part of the existing right of way. Brinks stated there was no other realistic place to locate a garage on his lot. According to the survey, approximately two feet of the street right of way would be needed.

In reviewing the plat map, City Manager Pasquale mentioned that the unimproved street, which starts at the

south end of Grove proceeds east two blocks with limited access. Therefore, the City would be considering whether the entire right of way should be vacated.

Department of Public Works Director Art Gall recommended that 33' X 49.5' of right of way be retained by South Grove.

Councilmember Green had received a telephone call from Brinks stating that he was unable to attend. It was further stated that the garage Brinks wants to build extends over the property line about three feet. The vacation would allow him to meet all zoning requirements.

Carol Adams (926 East Main), who owns property east of the Brinks lot at 1032 East Main, stated that if Railroad Street was vacated her property would be landlocked. Thus, value would decrease and the property could no longer be developed.

Councilmember Shores said that Adams had a valid point since she does have a large parcel of land that could not be sold or developed without Railroad Street access.

Councilmember Green questioned who would be responsible for the development of Railroad Street. Pasquale stated that it would be the responsibility of whoever would want access of the street to develop it to City standards.

It was discussed by the Council that the garage could be moved to the north and meet all the requirements without intruding on the Railroad Street right of way.

The public hearing was closed.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by HODGES to deny the request from Ryan Brinks of 125 South Grove to vacate the existing Railroad Street right of way.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #2. 1995-96 CITY AUDIT PRESENTATION. Virgil Biggs, Thomas Dickinson and Dan Cafmeyer of Biggs, Hausserman, Thompson and Dickinson were present to discuss the audit of accounts and records of the City of Lowell, Lowell Light and Power and Lowell Cable Television.

CITY OF LOWELL. Dickinson pointed out that the General Fund revenues have increased from \$1,656,093 in 1995 to \$1,698,483 in 1996, approximately a 2.6% increase. This is in line with past numbers of the City, as well as those across the State.

Expenditures in 1995 were \$1,480,519 as compared to \$1,645,766 in 1996, a difference of about \$165,000, or an approximate 11% increase. The reason can be accounted from equipment purchased in the Fire and Police Departments. Also, sidewalk construction was completed in July and budgeted for 1995, but completed and paid in the 1996 budget. There was a transfer out of

the General Fund Balance of \$100,000 to the Water Fund for the construction of the downtown water main leaving the Fund Balance at \$718,512.

Dickinson stated that overall the City records are in good shape and noted the excellent job carried out by City Manager Pasquale, City Treasurer/Finance Director Judy Noonon, Payroll/Utility Billing Supervisor Charlene McNab and staff in the record keeping and assistance during the audit.

LOWELL LIGHT AND POWER. Virgil Biggs reviewed the result of the Audit of Fiscal Year 1995-96 for Light and Power. It was noted that the income was \$344,753 for the year ending June 30, 1996, an increase from \$220,763 in 1995 and \$165,384 in 1994.

Biggs also reviewed the comment letter and stated the accounting records are very well maintained. Further, the Department's Office Manager/Accountant Mary Ann Sawka should be complimented for her efforts and results.

CABLE TELEVISION. Biggs noted the total Cable Television net income for 1996 was \$69,845, while in 1995, 1994 and 1993 the totals were \$74,636, \$76,288 and \$115,886 respectively. The declining trend has been due to programming expenses. At this point, programming costs have not been totally passed through to the customer. Therefore, Cable Television has a deteriorating margin. It was noted that such costs should be monitored closely and may require a rate adjustment to avoid significant declines in operating income.

Biggs also noted the aggressive debt service policy has reduced the note payable to Lowell Light and Power by \$156,668 over the last two years. The balance is \$397,877 at June 30, 1996 and scheduled to be fully paid in July of 2000.

It was also noted that the Cable Television accounting records were very well maintained and that Accounting Clerk Christine Simmons should be complimented.

Item #3. KENT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT - COLLECTION OF SUMMER PROPERTY TAXES FOR 1997. As previously carried out for the Lowell Area Schools, the Kent Intermediate School District had requested that the City collect the summer property taxes for the district. The City collects the KISD's property taxes at no fee but is able to keep the interest earned during the bank deposit before distributing these monies.

IT WAS MOVED BY MYERS and seconded by GREEN to approve the continuing resolution to collect the 1997 summer property taxes for Kent Intermediate School District.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #4. APPROVAL OF THE 1997 CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES. The Council reviewed the proposed list of 1997 meeting dates. As established, the first and third Mondays have been scheduled each month for

LWC launches ministry to help couples stay together

Lowell Wesleyan Church now offers a family ministry for couples in crisis. *Choosing Wisely* is available for partners considering or beginning divorce proceedings.

From the producers of *DivorceCare*, *Choosing Wisely* gives a stark, realistic view of divorce and its effects on the individuals and children. This new four-part program is not a support group. Couples view the program and accompanying discussion questions privately. *Choosing Wisely* is a crisis

intervention tool which may help couples keep their family together.

Rev. Bill Price is the pastor of Lowell Wesleyan Church and coordinator of *Choosing Wisely*. He states, "Often persons planning to divorce have run out of marriage solutions, but also have not considered the ramifications of divorce in their life."

While *Choosing Wisely* does not tackle marriage problems, taking a hard-core look at the realities of divorce often convinces people that their marriage is still worth working on. "At that point" says Pastor Bill "the roadblocks to lasting peace and fulfillment in marriage can be addressed."

Choosing Wisely explores the legal and financial impact of divorce, plus the physical, emotional and spiritual effects on individuals. It also addresses the many effects on children, and forgiveness and reconciliation. After completing *Choosing Wisely*, an intelligent decision about divorce can be made.

Couples may get more information about *Choosing Wisely* by calling the Lowell Wesleyan offices at 897-6890. Participation in the program does not obligate couples to attend LWC.

Last year, Lowell Wesleyan Church introduced *DivorceCare* for persons struggling with the pain of separa-

tion and divorce. Many Lowell area residents have found help and healing through this program.

Don Schneider directs *DivorceCare*, which begins again Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 6:30 p.m. "The *DivorceCare* program is the most effective tool available for Lowell area individuals. We offer a resource proven to be most valuable in helping people get their lives together again," comments Schneider.

Family ministry is the heart of Lowell Wesleyan Church. Their vision is to reach the Lowell Community with help and answers to real issues facing families. Says Pastor Price, "If breakdown of the family is at the 'heart' of our community's ills, then we want to be 'heart' specialists."



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regular meetings. When a holiday occurs on Monday, the meeting would be established for Tuesday.

IT WAS MOVED BY SHORES and seconded by HODGES to approve the 1997 City Council meeting dates as presented.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #5. PROPOSED EXTENSION OF LAWN MAINTENANCE CONTRACT. Streets and Parks Supervisor Daniel DesJarden was approached by Endless Lawn Service and Nursery of Alto to extend their contract with the City for lawn maintenance of nine City owned properties for two years at no additional cost. Endless has provided lawn maintenance for the City since 1994, currently at \$14,448 per year. This proposal would extend their contract to 1999. He has been very satisfied with the service.

There were concerns expressed by several Councilmembers on how this could affect the bid process. Councilmember Green mentioned that cost could increase and higher bids could be brought to the City. City Manager Pasquale stated either way, it is a calculated risk.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES to extend the contract with Endless Lawn Service and Nursery to 1999 for the lawn maintenance of nine City owned properties for \$14,448 per year.

YEA: 2. (Councilmembers Green and Hodges)
NAY: 3. (Councilmembers Myers, Shores and Mayor Thompson)
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION DEFEATED.

Item #6. PURCHASE OF NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEMS FOR THE CITY HALL AND POLICE DEPARTMENT. Receptionist/Clerk Doris Titcombe stated that five vendors were solicited to provide quotes for a new telephone system to accommodate the needs of the City Hall and Police Department. The choices were narrowed down to three, based on needs and cost. The quotes were as follows:

	Equipment	Maintenance 4 years
Lucent Technologies (AT&T)	\$15,200.00	\$5,241.00
ITS (Ameritech)	\$17,100.00	\$3,510.00
VanBelkum	\$15,900.00	\$3,800.00

After each of the three vendors demonstrated their equipment, City staff discussed what system would best fit the requirements of the City. Titcombe asked each vendor how it could best fill the equipment needs as well as become a telecommunication partner with the City. With the growing needs for remote computers connections and modems, it was imperative that the City begin building this partnership. Therefore, based on employee input, equipment, cost and the desire for a telecommunication partner, it was recommended that the City utilize Lucent Technologies for the purchase of telephone equipment at a cost of \$15,200.00 with \$5,241 allocated for a four year maintenance contract.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREEN and seconded by HODGES that the City purchase telephone equipment for the City Hall and Police Department from Lucent Technologies for \$15,200 and \$5,241 be allocated for a four year maintenance contract, totalling \$20,441.

YEA: 5.
NAY: 0.
ABSENT: 0.
MOTION CARRIED.

Item #7. MONTHLY REPORTS. Councilmember Myers stated that he calculated ratios regarding ticket citations versus warnings on traffic stops. He found that the Police Department was writing tickets in the 40-45% range for all stops over the past few years. Myers asked Chief of Police Valentine if we are in line with other municipalities. Chief Valentine stated that it is totally the discretion of the officer whether a ticket is issued or not.

No other comments were received.

Item #8. CITIZENS COMMENTS. None.

Item #9. COUNCIL COMMENTS. Councilmember Green wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Shores stated that the downtown looks very festive and stated have a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Hodges wished a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Myers asked if there were more trees to be planted along Main Street yet. City Manager Pasquale responded that because of problems with underground utilities, all the trees were not planted this past fall.

Mayor Thompson commended those involved with the Christmas parade and the lighting of the Christmas tree downtown. There was an excellent turn out and a very pleasant time for the families.

Item #10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT. City Manager Pasquale reported on the following:

a. Robert Mol, Vice President for Business at Cornerstone College, announced that due to economic concerns, the college plans to discontinue the aviation programs at the Lowell City Airport by August of 1997.

It was noted that Carl Francis, Director of Aviation Services for Cornerstone, and several other employees will lose their jobs. However, they are interested in finding a way to form their own aviation program at the Lowell City Airport and contracting with Cornerstone.

City Manager Pasquale stated that the Airport Board and Cornerstone will be working together to determine a way to have the aviation program and management of the airport.

b. Copies of the Downtown Development Authority minutes for the November 14 and Chamber of Commerce minutes of their November 6 meeting were presented.

c. The City will be receiving an estimated \$43,882.35 in Community Development Block Grant funds for the 1997-98

fiscal year. It was recommended that these funds be utilized toward West Main Street sidewalk project.

d. Proposed rules for the Community Room at the new library were submitted by Jane Aronson, Library Branch Manager.

The new library building is expected to be completed by Monday, January 27 so that books and materials may be moved during that week. The facility should be opened by early February.

e. Two trees in the public right of way need review for removal: (1) northwest corner of Hunt and Beach (2) in front of the house located at 517 Front Street. Consensus of the Council was to have Poortenga Tree Service review the conditions of these trees.

f. At the December 12 meeting, the Historic District Commission approved the basic design of the proposed handrail in front of City Hall, except to remove the rail from the walkway. The Council concurred and staff will proceed with the project.

g. The Police Department had assigned Sandra Lee as a permanent part-time officer to assist the Department's scheduling. She will be assigned 32 hours per week on a regular basis. During the time officer Chris Hurst is working with DARE program, she will have a full time schedule. Sandy has been employed as a part time officer with the City since September, 1995. Her work history has included the Lake Odessa Police Department and the Barry County Jail.

h. Vickie Videan had been hired as a part-time receptionist-clerk on a 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. schedule. She had been employed on a seasonal-part time basis since June of 1991.

Item #11. APPOINTMENTS. Mayor Thompson received a letter from the Lowell Area Schools requesting a minimum of three individuals be appointed to help determine a common set of guiding principles and values that can serve both the community's adults and students. The meeting will take place on Thursday, January 16, 1997 from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Lowell High School Cafeteria.

Mayor Thompson appointed himself and Councilmember Don Green to represent the Council. He asked that City Manager Pasquale appoint a representative from City staff.

Mayor Thompson also mentioned that he had received a letter from Melinda Carlton, County Administrator, stating that the Kent County Board of Commissioners will be holding a goal setting session on February 7, 1997 at 8:30 a.m. at the Look Memorial Fire Station, with the local government officials.

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES to adjourn at 8:54 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: January 6, 1997

William F. Thompson, Mayor
David M. Pasquale, City Clerk

Monies secured for purchase of Lowell Area Fire Department's Fire Safety House

By Thaddeus Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Due to the extraordinary response Wyoming's Fire Safety House got last summer conducting safety demonstrations for Bushnell Elementary students and the Lowell Wesleyan Church, the Lowell Area Fire Department decided to seek funds for its own unit.

The response was every bit as remarkable.

Firefighters Kelly Holst and Mark Mundt announced Monday night to the Lowell City Council that enough monies had been secured to purchase the \$22,000 fire safety house.

Fundraising for the unit began last summer. As of Jan. 2, \$21,887.50 had been collected. There is still commitment totaling \$3,000 that hasn't been collected.

"We figured it would take a year to raise the funds," Holst said.

The two-story, 29-foot



The Lowell Area Fire Department has reached its goal of \$22,000 needed to purchase a Fire Safety House. Recently, checks were presented to the department from the Lowell Rotary Club and FMB State Savings Bank. Lowell Rotary's Scott Carpenter, right, presented Bryan Kimble, center, with a check for \$1,000. FMB vice president Chuck Myers, left, gave the department a check for \$500. Kimble noted that organizations and clubs have also made contributions toward the upkeep and maintenance of the fire safety house.

unit based on a travel trailer frame will be used to demonstrate fire safety demonstra-

tion techniques. The unit is fully functional and is complete with

appliances, windows, and doors. Actual fire situations are

simulated with nontoxic theatrical smoke and foot ceilings, as a reminder for kids to stay low when carrying out escape exercises.

"The unit will be used at schools, organizational events, the fair, Fallasburg Park Festival, church events and will be rented out to other area fire departments," Mundt said.

The unit will be self-supporting - through fees paid by outside agencies and donations.

"The fire safety house is an excellent teaching tool for young kids," said Lowell mayor Bill Thompson.

Proof of that came earlier this year when a young girl was returning to her Vergennes home from school

and entered a smoke-filled house.

Having remembered a recent fire safety demonstration she had participated in, the girl went to her neighbor's house and called 911.

Holst said expenses beyond the purchase of the unit will include lettering, insurance, maintenance, nontoxic smoke and custom made coloring books.

Mundt said delivery of the fire safety house is expected in late March.

The unit will be stored in the Foreman building as much as possible and when the tarp-covered unit cannot be, it will be parked inside the fence at wastewater treatment plant.

Refinancing, cont'd... From Page 1

manager Jim Gallagher said. "The bond market interest rate fluctuates."

The district will make a request for the proposal on Jan. 13 to refinance \$16 million of the 1990 bond issue.

This will be followed by a mailing of letters of interest. From that response underwriters will be called in for interviews.

"After the interviews, we would make a selection and then a recommendation to the board in February," Gallagher said. "If approved, we would close in March."

The bond council, financial advisor and underwriter would all play a part in the refinancing of the bonds.

After the package is put together, the final step is taking it before the treasury of state for approval.

The \$16 million is part of the \$29,885,000 bond issue voters approved in 1990 for the construction of the new high school and district building improvement.

"It's similar to refinancing your house. You get a better mortgage on your house and you save money," Gallagher said. "This process does not cost the district anything unless the refinancing is completed."

Gallagher noted taxpayers would benefit from a slight millage decrease in the years 2005 through 2010.

Increasing fire department costs prompt talk on millage possibility

By Marc Popiolek
Contributing Writer

With the ever increasing cost of supporting two fire departments, Lowell Charter Township officials have discussed adopting a millage solely for fire department expenditures.

The discussion is in its infancy and nothing specific has been determined, but officials are concerned that the fire expenditure portion of its budget is getting out of hand.

This year the township has allocated \$8,000 toward Bowne Township's fire department for the purchase of a truck and \$10,000 toward Lowell's fire department for the purchase of a truck.

Township clerk Carol Wells said the township has one year remaining on the Bowne payment and two years on Lowell's payment, but added that more costs are forthcoming.

Wells said the township's fire budget is "growing by leaps and bounds" and in the future it will receive a bill of \$15,500 for three years toward the purchase of another fire truck for Lowell's fire department when the current funding is complete.

The township hasn't discussed the amount of any millage request, which would be voted upon by the public, but has looked at dedicated millages allocated by the city of Lowell and Bowne Township for similar purposes.

Both municipalities levy 1 mill for fire equipment purchases.

Trustee Dick Huver suggested that a dedicated millage would free up funds for future road improvement projects.

The Lowell Township board also discussed sitting down with fire officials and getting a better understanding on where their funds are going and why they are needed for certain purchases.

"We have always had the attitude of supporting our fire departments. We understand their importance and appreciate their efforts; it's just that the fire budget is becoming quite a burden and we just want to know where the money is going," said trustee Alyn Fletcher.

COLLEGE NEWS

Baker College of Owosso has awarded a bachelor in industrial management degree to Norman Klap of Lowell. He is a recent Cum Laude graduate from the Electronic Engineering Technology program.

Baker college is an independent, coeducational system with campuses located in Auburn Hills, Cadillac, Flint, Jackson, Mount Clemens, Muskegon, Owosso and Port Huron.

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CLASS OF '87 REUNION BEING PLANNED
The class of 1987 needs to find you for the 10-year reunion. Contact Tony Beachler at 531-4727 or Rick Sauber at 897-8100 with name and address.

Business Matters

Greenridge Realty announced that Pat Schaefer received Realtor of the Month in December. This award recognizes Schaefer for his outstanding success and achievements. Schaefer also received 1996 Realtor of the Year for the Lowell office.



Pat Schaefer

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FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10 THRU JANUARY 16

Peter Van Sant, a CBS news correspondent since 1984, is one of the veteran newscasters of the Coast to Coast team. He's joined by several other of the network's experienced crew as well as by a host of new faces including Alison Stewart. The new series premieres Wednesday on CBS.

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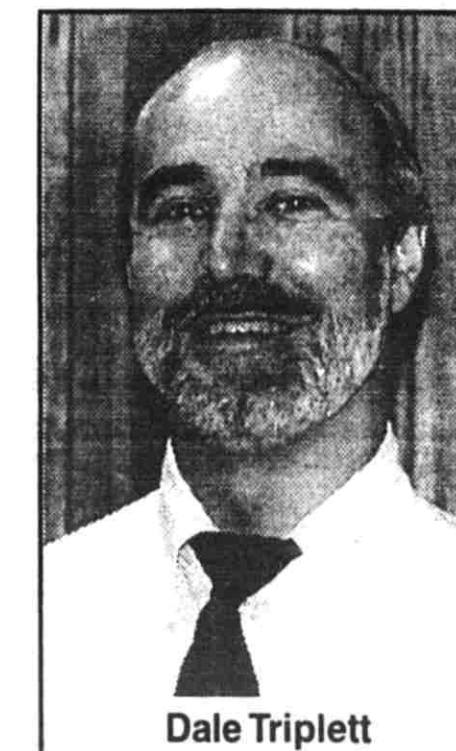
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TUES., 12:20, 3:00, 5:30, 7:40, 9:40

JERRY MAGUIRE (R)
DAILY - 4:35, 7:00, 9:25
TUES., 11:45, 2:10, 4:35, 7:00, 9:25

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DAILY - 5:00, 7:20, 9:45
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THURSDAY EVENING JANUARY 16, 1997		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS											
33	WVMT	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Diagnosis Murder "History of Murder" (In Stereo)	Moloney "Clearly Begins at Home" (In Stereo)	48 Hours (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (In Stereo)			
41	WOTV	Step by Step (In Stereo)	Mr. Cooper	High Incident "No Money Down" (In Stereo)	Murder One "Chapter Ten" (In Stereo)	Turning Point	News	Nightline			
35	WGUV	Newshour With Jim Lehrer		Practical Sports	This Old House	Michigan Out-of-Doors	Trailside: Adventure	Mystery! "Original Sin" (In Stereo) (Part 2 of 3)	Waiting for God	Charlie Rose (In Stereo)	
37	WXMI	Home Improvement	Seinfeld "The Scowfall"	Martin (In Stereo)	Living Single (In Stereo)	New York Undercover "Fade Out" (In Stereo)	Party of Five "Significant Others" (In Stereo)	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine "Rejoined"			
43	WOOD	Inside Edition	Extra (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	Single Guy (In Stereo)	Seinfeld "The Money"	Naked Truth	News	Tonight Show		
23	WKAR	Newshour With Jim Lehrer		Practical Sports	Michigan Out-of-Doors	This Old House	Frugal Gourmet (R)	Practical Sports	Michigan Out-of-Doors		
13	WZZM	Entertainment Tonight	Mad About You	High Incident "No Money Down" (In Stereo)	Murder One "Chapter Ten" (In Stereo)	Murder One "Chapter Ten" (In Stereo)	Turning Point	News	Nightline		
11	WYSM	Home Improvement	Mad About You	Martin (In Stereo)	Living Single (In Stereo)	New York Undercover "Fade Out" (In Stereo)	Real TV	Coach (In Stereo)	Jenny Jones (In Stereo)		
17	TBS	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	Movie: "Over the Top" (1987) Sylvester Stallone, Susan Blakely.	Highway to Heaven "The Source" (In Stereo)	Rescue 911 (In Stereo)	Movie: "Nighthawks" (1981) Sylvester Stallone, Rutger Hauer.	700 Club (Left in Progress)	Carson Classics	Carson Classics	
47	FAM	Watsons "The Bum Out" (Part 2 of 2)		A-Team "Hot Styles"	Miami Vice "Whatever Works"	In Living Color	College Basketball: Stanford at Oregon. (Live)				
20	FX	Mission: Impossible "The Traitor"		USA Highlander: The Series "Innocent Man"	Wild Discovery "Gonillas in the Midst of Man" (R)	Movie Magic	Next Step "Spy Car"	Wild Discovery "Gonillas in the Midst of Man" (R)			
24	DISC	Wings		Movie: "A Stranger Among Us" (1992) Melanie Griffith, John Pankow. (In Stereo)	Movie: "Pet Sematary" (1989) Dale Midoff, Denise Crosby. (In Stereo)	Cronkite Remembers "Cold War"	News (In Stereo)	Wiseguy "The Birthday Surprise" (In Stereo)			
25	WGN	Family Matters	Buzzi! (In Stereo)	Movie: "A Stranger Among Us" (1992) Melanie Griffith, John Pankow. (In Stereo)	College Basketball: Temple at Cincinnati. (Live)						
26	ESPN	College Basketball: Tulane at Xavier. (Live)		Prime News	Inside Politics	Larry King Live	World Today	CNN Sports Illustrated	Moneyline		
27	CNN	Moneyline	Crossfire	Secret of Alex	Happy Days	I Love Lucy	Munsters	Law & Order "Golden Years"			
28	NICK	Doug (In Stereo)	Rugrats (In Stereo)	Biography: Masters and Johnson	Ancient Mysteries			FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News		
29	A&E	Equalizer "A Community of Civilized Men"		College Basketball: Purdue at Michigan. (Live)	Richard Widmark, Carroll Baker. The Cheyenne face a tragic exodus from Oklahoma to Wyoming.	Today's Country (In Stereo)	BBC Travel	Getaway	Eye on Travel	Inn Country U.S.A.	
31	PASS	CCHA Digest	College Hockey U.S.A.	Movie: "Cheyenne Autumn" (1964, Western) Richard Widmark, Carroll Baker. The Cheyenne face a tragic exodus from Oklahoma to Wyoming.	Prime Time Country (In Stereo)	On the Horizon	History of Rock 'n' Roll (R) (Part 5 of 10)	History of Rock 'n' Roll (R) (Part 5 of 10)	Real America: 48 Hours "To Catch a Crook" (R)	Real America: 48 Hours "To Catch a Crook" (R)	
32	TNT	In the Heat of the Night (In Stereo)		Championship Rodeo (R) (In Stereo)	Prime Time Country (In Stereo)	On the Horizon	History of Rock 'n' Roll (R) (Part 5 of 10)	History of Rock 'n' Roll (R) (Part 5 of 10)	Real America: 48 Hours "To Catch a Crook" (R)	Real America: 48 Hours "To Catch a Crook" (R)	
33	NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "High Flyin' Dukes" (In Stereo)		Earth Journeys	Earth Journeys	On the Horizon	History of Rock 'n' Roll (R) (Part 5 of 10)	History of Rock 'n' Roll (R) (Part 5 of 10)	Real America: 48 Hours "To Catch a Crook" (R)	Real America: 48 Hours "To Catch a Crook" (R)	
34	TRAV	Eye on Travel	Inn Country U.S.A.	Earth Journeys	Earth Journeys	On the Horizon	History of Rock 'n' Roll (R) (Part 5 of 10)	History of Rock 'n' Roll (R) (Part 5 of 10)	Real America: 48 Hours "To Catch a Crook" (R)	Real America: 48 Hours "To Catch a Crook" (R)	
35	TLC	HomeTime: Kitchen	HomeTime: Kitchen	Real America: 48 Hours "To Catch a Crook" (R)	Real America: 48 Hours "To Catch a Crook" (R)	History of Rock 'n' Roll (R) (Part 5 of 10)	History of Rock 'n' Roll (R) (Part 5 of 10)	History of Rock 'n' Roll (R) (Part 5 of 10)	Real America: 48 Hours "To Catch a Crook" (R)	Real America: 48 Hours "To Catch a Crook" (R)	
36	SCI FI	Time Trax "The Dream Team" (In Stereo)		Tekwar "Tekjustice" (In Stereo) (Part 1 of 2)	Forever Knight "False Witness" (In Stereo)	Sci-Fi Buzz	Inside Space (R)	Inside Space (R)	Time Trax "The Dream Team" (R) (In Stereo)	Time Trax "The Dream Team" (R) (In Stereo)	
37	HIST	Combat at Sea "The Destroyers" (R)		Desert Storm: The Ultimate War Military men tell the story of Desert Storm.	Movie: "Seven Sinners" (1940), John Wayne, Broderick Crawford	Movie: "The Spoilers" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	
38	AMC	(6:30) Movie: "The Parent Trap" (1961), Maureen O'Hara, Brian Keith (In Stereo) 'G'		Movie: "Seven Sinners" (1940), John Wayne, Broderick Crawford	Movie: "The Spoilers" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	
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40	HBO	(6:00) Movie: "Don't Tell Mom- Babysitter" (1992), Kim Basinger, Uma Thurman (In Stereo) 'R'		Movie: "Seven Sinners" (1940), John Wayne, Broderick Crawford	Movie: "The Spoilers" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	
42	MAX	(6:15) Movie: "D.A.R.Y.L." (1985) PG		Movie: "Seven Sinners" (1940), John Wayne, Broderick Crawford	Movie: "The Spoilers" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	

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33	WVMT	(11:35) Late Show	Late Late Show (In Stereo)	American Journal	Pat Bullard (In Stereo)			Geraldo Rivera		CBS Up to the Minute (Joined in Progress)	
41	WOTV	Politically Incorrect	Strange Universe	Paid Program	LAPD: Life on the Beat	(Off Air)					
35	WGUV	(11:30) Charlie Rose	(Off Air)								
37	WXMI	Gordon Elliott		Paid Program	Murphy Brown	(Off Air)				Wonder Years	Doogie Howser, M.D.
43	WOOD	(11:35) Tonight Show	Late Night (In Stereo)		Later (In Stereo)	Highway Patrol	Paid Program			NBC News Nightside	
23	WKAR	(Off Air)									
13	WZZM	Politically Incorrect	Dating Game (In Stereo)	Newlywed Game	Married... With	Access Hollywood	Caryl & Marilyn: Real Friends			ABC World News Now (Joined in Progress)	
11	WYSM	Buzzi! (In Stereo)	Strange Universe	(Off Air)							
17	TBS	Movie: "Mr. Majestyk" (1974) Charles Bronson, Linda Cristal.									
47	FAM	Three Stooges	Paid Program	Paid Program							
20	FX	College Basketball	In Living Color	In Living Color	In Living Color	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
24	DISC	Movie Magic (R)	Next Step "Spy Car" (R)	Cronkite Remembers "Cold War" (R)	Next Step (R)	Beyond 2000	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
25	WGN	In the Heat of the Night "Laid to Waste" (R)		Simon & Simon "Tanner, P.I. for Hire"	Paid Program	Paid Program	Hercules: The Legendary Journeys "The Apple"	Xena: Warrior Princess "The Heavens" (In Stereo)			
26	ESPN	College Basketball: Eastern Michigan at Boise State. (Live)									
27	CNN	NewsNight	Showbiz Today (R)	NewsNight Update	CNN Sports Illustrated	Larry King Live (R)	Overnight	Sports Latentight (R)	Crossfire (R)	Newsroom	
28	NICK	Bewitched "It's Magic"	Dick Van Dyke	Dick Van Dyke	Bob Newhart	Happy Days	Munsters	Mary Tyler Moore "Hill"	Rhoda "Parents' Day"	Dick Van Dyke	
29	A&E	Biography: Masters and Johnson		Ancient Mysteries (R)				Law & Order "Golden Years" (R)	Movie: "Fall-Safe" (1964), Dan O'Herlihy		
31	PASS	College Basketball: Purdue at Michigan. (R)						Great Sports Vacations	Thoroughbred World	Cycle World (R)	
32	TNT	(11:15) Movie: "Red Sun" (1972) Charles Bronson, Toshiro Mifune.		Movie: "Cheyenne Autumn" (1964, Western) Richard Widmark, Carroll Baker, James Stewart. The Cheyenne face a tragic exodus from Oklahoma to Wyoming.							
33	NASH	Dukes of Hazzard "High Flyin' Dukes" (In Stereo)		Prime Time Country (In Stereo)	Today's Country (R) (In Stereo)						
34	TRAV	Earth Journeys	Earth Journeys	On the Horizon	BBC Travel	Getaway	Eye on Travel	Perfect Trip	Get Wet	Undersea Adventures	
35	TLC	History of Rock 'n' Roll (R) (Part 6 of 10)		History of Rock 'n' Roll (R) (Part 6 of 10)	HomeTime: Kitchen	HomeTime: Kitchen	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	
36	SCI FI	Tekwar "Tekjustice" (In Stereo) (Part 2 of 2)		Forever Knight "False Witness" (In Stereo)	Sci-Fi Buzz (R)	Inside Space (R)	Boris Karloff Presents Thriller	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	
37	HIST	Desert Storm: The Ultimate War Military men tell the story of Desert Storm.		Movie: "Seven Sinners" (1940), John Wayne, Broderick Crawford	Movie: "The Spoilers" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	
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39	DISN	(10:45) Movie: "Imagine" (In Stereo)		Movie: "Seven Sinners" (1940), John Wayne, Broderick Crawford	Movie: "The Spoilers" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	
40	HBO	(10:00) Movie: "Natural Enemy" (1997), William McNamara "NR"		Movie: "Seven Sinners" (1940), John Wayne, Broderick Crawford	Movie: "The Spoilers" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	Movie: "Pittsburgh" (1942), Marlene Dietrich, Randolph Scott	
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EVERY TUES.: 10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Ladies Coffee Break Bible Study, Children's Bible Story Hour. Calvary Christian Reformed Church, 1151 W. Main, Lowell. Nursery provided free. For ladies with or without previous Bible knowledge.

FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY: The Alto Lions Club meets at Dari's at 7 p.m.

EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY: Lowell Women's Club meets at noon in the community room at Schneider Manor, 725 Bowes Rd.

EVERY SECOND THURSDAY: Lowell V.F.W. Auxiliary No. 8303 meets at 3:30 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post, 307 W. Main Street, Lowell.

EVERY SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH: The Ada Historical Society meets at the Ada Township office at 7:30 p.m.

EVERY FRIDAY: Respite day care for the elderly. Activities and respite for the aging person from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Sister Darlene Wessling, F.S.E. at the Franciscan Child Development Center, 897-7842.

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THURSDAYS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI, No. 333, Saranac, meets every Thursday evening at the Saranac Public Library. Weigh-ins at 6:45 p.m.

EVERY THIRD SUN. The Flat River Snowmobile Club meets at the clubhouse at 11841 Potters Rd. Just east of Montcalm Ave., potluck dinner, 12:30 p.m., meeting at 1:30 p.m. New members and guests are welcome.

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FIRST MONDAY EACH MONTH: The South Kent 4-H group regular meetings at 7 p.m. in the Alto Elementary School cafeteria.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Lowell Area Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Building located in the former Runciman Elementary, 300 High Street.

MONDAYS: Overeaters Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 10305 Bluewater Hwy. Lowell. Call 451-8953. Come join us!

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: Golden Ages meet 6 p.m. at Hale House (Senior Neighbors, 314 S. Hudson). Potluck. All are welcome.

SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: The Bowne Township Historical Society will hold its regular meetings at the Township Office, 6059 Linfield, Alto. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH: American Legion Clark-Ellis Post 152 at Lowell V.F.W. Hall, 307 E. Main St. at 8 p.m.

EVERY 1ST MONDAY: V.F.W. Post 8303 meets at the V.F.W. Clubroom, 307 E. Main St. Lowell at 7 p.m.

EVERY MON.: Boy Scout Troop 102, for boys 11 and up or completing the 5th grade, will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. during the school year in the Scout Cabin at the end of North Washington Street. Enjoy activities like hiking and camping and learn skills that can last a lifetime. For more information call 897-6405.

TUESDAYS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly Tops MI#372 meets every Tuesday evening at Key Heights Mobile Home Park Community Building. Weigh-ins at 5:45 p.m.

EVERY SECOND & FOURTH TUES.: Qua-Ke-Zik Sportsmen's Club meets at 8 p.m. at the Club building, 1400 Foreman Road, Lowell.

EVERY TUES.: Support One Group for the single, separated and divorced, 7 p.m. at Saranac Community Church.

EVERY 3RD TUES: Children with A.D.D./A.D.H.D. Issues Group meeting at Sunshine Ministries between 3 & 4 Mile Road at 7 p.m. For information call Linda at 874-6662.

EVERY 1ST TUES: Adults with A.D.D. Issues Group meeting at Aquinas College in the classroom building (at the far end of the parking lot) on Woodward, just south of Fulton in room 109. For information call Ann at 949-8537.

EVERY 1ST TUESDAY: La Leche League of Ada, Cascade, Lowell meets at 7 p.m. for socializing with meeting at 7:30 p.m. Mother to mother support for pregnant and breastfeeding women. Nursing children are welcome to attend. Our current location is the Ada Congregational Church on Ada Drive. Call Laurie, 642-6195 for more information.

WEDNESDAY: Rollaway Ltd. Senior Bowling, 1 p.m., 55 and over.

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EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY: Lowell Area Jaycees meet at 7 p.m. at Lowell City Hall. Individual, community and management development for young adults 21-39 years of age. Phone 897-0709 for information.

FIRST WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH: Alzheimers Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Retirement Village. Phone 897-4810 for information.

EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY: Parenting group available the first Wednesday of the month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Share, learn, question and discuss issues important to you as a parent. Call Sister Barbara Cline, F.S.E., at 897-7842.

EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY: Lowell Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Look Memorial Fire Station, South Hudson, Lowell.

EVERY WEDNESDAY: DivorceCare meets at 7 p.m. at the Helping Hands Child Care Center, 1188 Lincoln Lake Rd. This support and recovery program is for all adults experiencing divorce or separation. For more information, call (616) 897-6890.

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

LOWELL SENIOR NEIGHBORS CALENDAR 897-5949

<p>MON.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.</p> <p>TUES.: 8:30 a.m. Walking, Woodland Mall.</p> <p>WED.: 12:45 p.m. Shopping assistance.</p> <p>WED., JAN. 8: 8:00 a.m., Men's breakfast.</p> <p>WED., JAN. 8: 9:15 to 11:15 a.m., Blood pressure.</p> <p>THURS., JAN. 9: 12:30 p.m., Meijer Garden.</p> <p>TUES., JAN. 14: 12:30 p.m., Meijer's, shopping.</p> <p>WED., JAN. 15: 9:30 a.m., Advisory council.</p>

Red Arrow grapplers roughed up at Hastings

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Its wheel came off in the first round of the LH Lamb Invitational and Lowell spent the rest of the tournament trying to regain control.

Unable to, the Red Arrows suffered through an eighth-place finish at Hastings on Saturday.

"We got thumped on," Lowell wrestling coach Gary Rivers concurred. "There were a lot of things that contributed to it. We'll see what we have at practice on Monday and begin the process of regrouping."

Lowell placed just two wrestlers in the champion-

ship round and in the consolation round.

"I'm not sure how other teams do it, but we normally don't do well over vacation," Rivers said. "The kids' concentration level and intensity aren't there. We're not alone—other schools go through this too."

The only two Lowell wrestlers who fought through the vacation doldrums and made it to the championship round were Scott Hays (145) and Billy Stouffer (215).

Hays was 2-1. His only loss came in the championship match to Middleville's Spencer Romp 17-6.

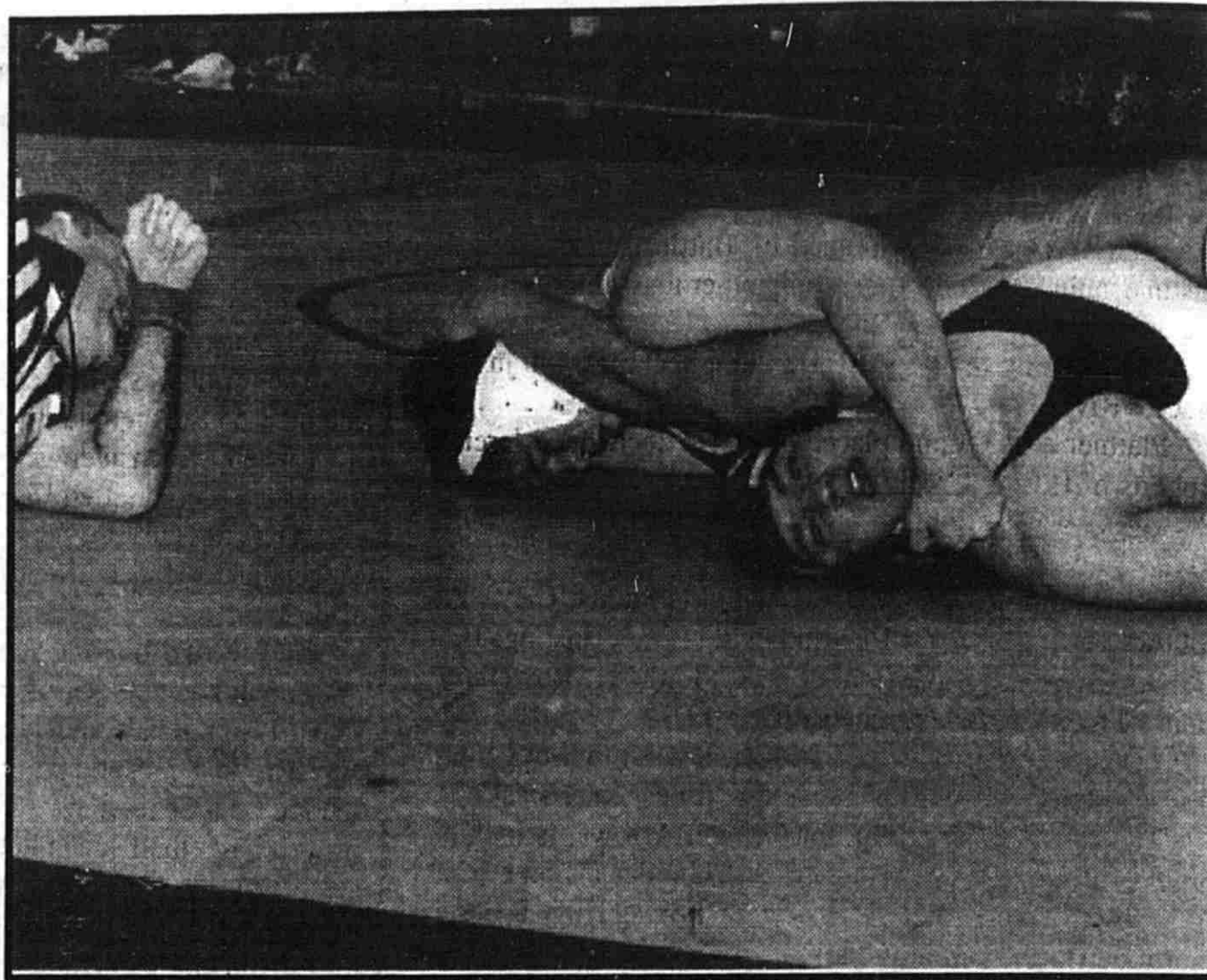
"This was the first time

Hays wrestled at 145. He started the year at 152," Rivers said. "Scott moved well throughout the day, but he ran into a strong and excellent wrestler in Romp."

Stouffer, also 2-1, lost to Harper Creek's Shawn Rouch 7-4. "Billy was seeded third and beat the number two seed to get to the finals," Rivers said. "The match against Rouch was a good one. The difference was Rouch's experience."

Lowell's Dan Rottier and Brett Plattner were the only two Red Arrows to wrestle in the consolation round.

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Billy Stouffer used this pin of his Lakewood opponent to advance to the championship match (215) at Hastings' LH Lamb Invitational on Saturday.

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Rottier, fourth, was pinned by Battle Creek Central's Justin Smith. In fact, Rottier's only other loss came earlier in the day to Smith.

"Dan looked really good. He did a heck of a job just to place," Rivers said.

Plattner was 3-1 and placed third. He decided Jeremy Roberts of Harper Creek 8-6. "Brett was exceptional today. He gives you everything he has every time he goes out," Rivers said.

Charlotte won the tournament with 141 points. They were followed by Lakewood 140; Middleville 121.5; Hastings 103; Harper Creek 101.5; Grand Ledge 86; Ionia 81; Lowell 66; Battle Creek Central 60; and Coloma 42.

"The competition at this tournament was mind-boggling. It was as strong as I've seen in a long time," Rivers said.

The league competition for the Red Arrows is looking pretty stiff. Lowell faces Hastings on Thursday at home. That is followed by league matches with Forest Hills Central, Northview and Wyoming Park.

"We have the ability to compete with all of those teams," Rivers said. "But we have to take care of some business and clear up some problem areas."

The Lowell coach said he believes the beating his team took on Saturday will serve as a wake-up call.

Hastings will find out on Thursday.

Lowell collapses under pressure of Saxons

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Hastings applied various amounts of pressure Friday night against Lowell.

The result was a large amount of turnovers by Lowell, and a 68-55 Saxon road win in the O-K White.

Lowell, which averaged 17 turnovers a game in its first three games, committed 15 in the first half against Hastings.

"Our pressure provided us with a lot of easy baskets, especially in the second quarter," Hastings coach Don Schils said.

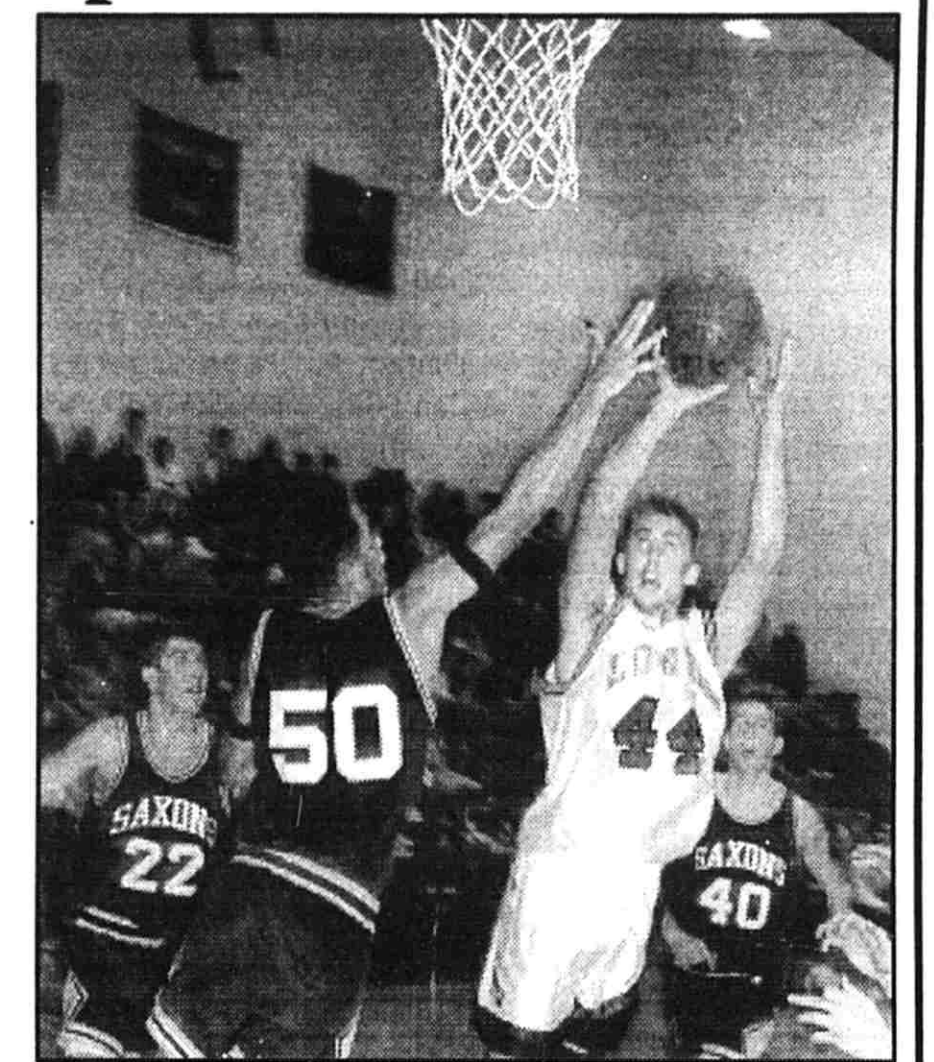
The second quarter Schils speaks of saw the Saxons outscore Lowell 19-6 and turn a one-point, first-quarter lead into a 14-point halftime advantage (33-19).

"Hastings picked up the intensity of its pressure in the second quarter, and we turned the ball over too much," Lowell basketball coach Pete Bush said.

Despite the poor showing in the second quarter, Bush told his club at half that with a strong start in the third quarter, they could climb back into it.

Instead, Hastings used the first minute of play in the third period to build an 18-point lead. "I was disappointed with the way we played that opening minute of the third quarter," Bush said.

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Aaron Brander pulls up inside the lane for two of his eight points.


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TOWN TALK

Two states have legalized the medicinal use of marijuana. The federal government stepped in and said prescribing and using marijuana is illegal and should not be done. What do you think?



Dave Paver
I wouldn't legalize it. Too many wise people would abuse it. I have no idea whether it is a good idea medically or not. Who is to stop one guy from buying it for medicinal purposes and allowing another person to use it?



Pam Wilson
I know it has been proven to relieve signs and symptoms for those suffering from glaucoma. Marijuana can be released in pill form. If it is released in tablet form, I don't think it's a problem.



Hank Miel
If it is safely monitored in a hospital, I think it is okay. Doctors should be the only people who have access to it.



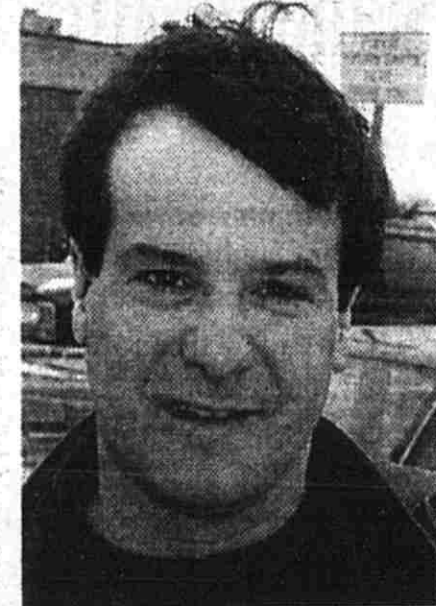
Lori Depuydt
Anyone in pain should be able to use it to help themselves. Think of the other drugs used for those suffering from a disease. If they are terminally ill, why not?



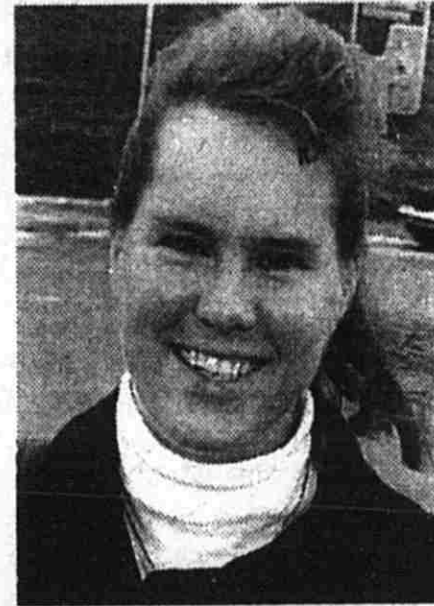
Rick Boonstra
The federal government is wrong. Using marijuana for medical purposes, I believe, is fine.



Kim Chase
I think those who are seriously ill should be able to. I think it has been shown that marijuana is rather helpful to them.



John LaHaie
With the consent of the doctor for medical reasons and to help relieve pain.



Tonya Gorby
If it is limited to only medical reasons.

LHS December Students of the Month

Each month four of the twelve Lowell High School departments choose an outstanding student in their particular content area.

The students for the month of December are: Nathan Lietzke, mathematics; Heather Gleason, physical education; Cheryl Nederhoed, life management and Deanna Anchors, music.

Nathan Lietzke is a senior and was selected by the mathematics department. He is the only senior taking second semester calculus at GRCC. He completed calculus at Lowell as a junior which allowed him this opportunity. Lietzke has also

qualified for Part II of the Michigan Math Prize Competition placing him in the top six percent of 1,200 students that took the exam. He is an outstanding student and is highly respected by the mathematics department.

The son of Ted and Ellen Lietzke, of Lowell, he has been involved in National Honor Society, science olympiad, marching band and Model UN. He is a member of the football and track teams, earning varsity letters his junior and senior years, and a junior Rotary member. He was selected to the OK White All-Conference offensive tackle, second string Grand Rapids Press All-Star Team

and academic all-state for football this year. He works at Family Fare bagging groceries and next year plans to attend Michigan Tech. University and major in physics.

Cheryl Nederhoed was selected by the life management department. She is an outstanding student and has an attitude to match. She is seldom, if ever, absent and always has her work done and turned in on time. Helpful and cooperative in class, she is also kind and considerate to other students and staff.

She is a junior and the daughter of Duane and Mary Nederhoed, of Lowell. She has been on the honor roll. She likes softball and has been



December Students of the Month, from left to right: Cheryl Nederhoed, Nathan Lietzke, Deanna Anchors and Heather Gleason.

active in her youth group at church, enjoys going bike riding and ice skating and sometimes rollerblades.

Deanna Anchors was selected by the music department. She is a senior and was one of the drum majors of this year's marching band. She has been a hard worker throughout her years in band, is first-chair flute and was voted president of the symphonic band this year.

She is the daughter of Deb and Dennis Anchors, of Lowell. She has been involved with the varsity golf team, volleyball, cheerleading, band as a drum major, student council and FFA Project Pals, and this year she coached the freshman football squad. She works at Station Break Video.

In the future, she plans on attending GRCC for a

couple of years, then transferring to Central Michigan or Michigan in hopes of becoming a sports physical therapist for a professional football team. Her favorite classes are government with Mr. Kampfschulte who she says makes the class fun; band, for being nominated into a leadership role and Spanish II with Tammy DeVries, "an awesome teacher."

Heather Gleason was selected by the physical education department. She and her weight lifting partner have worked very hard in body mechanics class. She strives to do more than her normal workout and is self-motivated with a positive attitude and big smiles.

A senior, she is the daughter of Bill and Carole Gleason, of Lowell. She was involved in powder puff football her senior year and is active at her church, Vineyard Christian Fellowship in Grand Rapids. She plans on going to Missouri to become part of the Rock the Nation organization, helping them put on conferences that she will sing at all over the United States. Her favorite classes are body mechanics and choir and her hobbies are singing, ballet, horseback riding and swimming. Her GPA is 3.78.

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Ruth Butler to open First United Methodist Church's Series for Performing Arts schedule

First United Methodist Church of Lowell has announced its winter/spring schedule of its Series for the Performing Arts. Now in its second season the series has featured drama, vocal and instrumental soloists and ensembles. The series has a two-fold goal: first, to provide this kind of music and drama opportunity for the people of Lowell without the need to travel; and second, to give various artists a chance to share their talent. The motive comes through the belief that the arts are gifts of God, and therefore the church has a responsibility to do what it can to encourage the arts and artists. Thus far, the response has been enthusiastic.

The series will feature the following: January 12, Ruth Butler, columnist for the Grand Rapids Press; February 16, vocal soloists/duo Carol Garey and Bill Van Skiver, accompanied by Ron Krebs, a Lowell native; March 9, Embellish, a handbell choir; May 11, Grand Rapids Cantata Choir singing Haydn's Creation.

All concerts are for the public at no cost, but there is a free-will offering. Each event is followed with refreshments and opportunity to chat with the artists.

As part of the series, Ruth Butler will be speaking January 12 at 6 p.m. Her general theme for the presentation will be "From the Perspective of a Newspaper Columnist, What I Believe the Church Should Be and Do." There will be time for questions following the presentation.

Butler has worked for the Press since 1978 when she was hired as the first full-time female sportswriter. She has also worked as layout/copy editor for sports and Flair. She moved to TV reviewing

public at no cost, but there is a free-will offering. Each event is followed with refreshments and opportunity to chat with the artists. Through her column Butler invites her reading public to in-depth thinking about family, public policy, the media, and more. Her address will be equally thought provoking.

Miller only one standing after marathon-like geography bee

After some "major overtime," fifth-grader Dan Miller was able to edge past David Kelley to win the Lowell school-level geography bee competition.

"I had to answer about 20 questions," said the school geography bee champion. "David (runner-up) and I went into some major overtime." Miller earned the title of champion by answering the question: What lake is Thunder Bay located in? Brent Noskey's student correctly answered "Lake Superior."

To put himself in position to win the geography bee,

Miller said there were a couple of questions he wasn't sure about and had to guess. For example: What countries border Lebanon? Miller correctly guessed Israel and Syria.

For winning the competition, Miller qualifies to take a written test; up to 100 top scorers in each state and territory will be selected to compete in the ninth annual state geography bee on April 4.

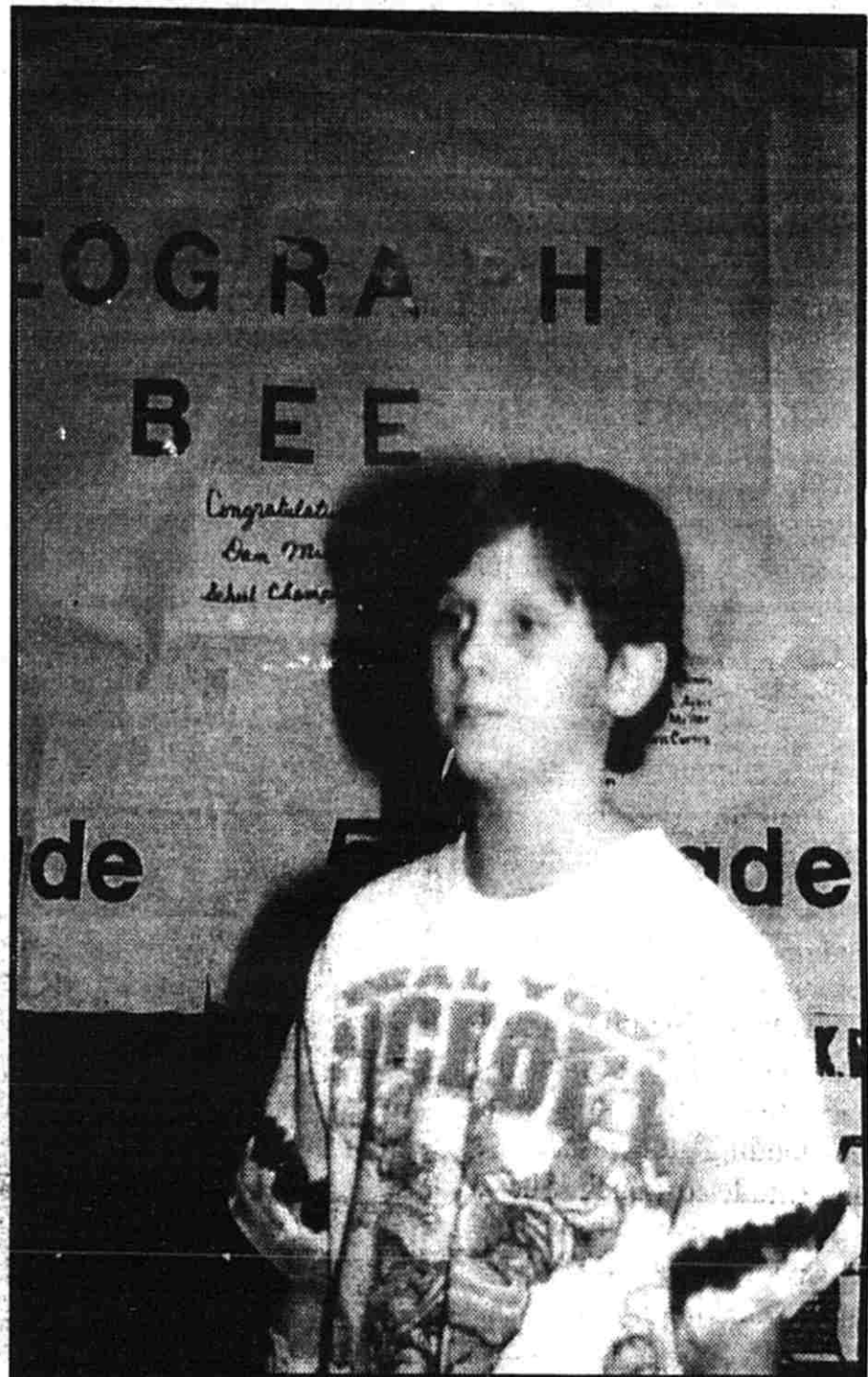
For his winning effort, Miller won a world atlas, a national geographic fanny pack, a certificate and a poster of world country flags.

Miller said he studied from a couple of sheets used in last year's contest. "I think there was one question on those sheets that was used this year," Miller said. "A lot of the questions I knew because of what past and current teachers have taught me."

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. for state champions and their teacher-escorts to participate in the national finals on May 27 & 28. Jeopardy's Alex Trebek will host the competition.

This is the second year Cherry Creek has participated in the geography bee competition.

The National Geographic Society developed the National Geographic Bee in response to a growing concern for the lack of geographic knowledge among young people in the U.S.



Dan Miller had to answer nearly 20 questions before being crowned geography bee champion.

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Editor's Note: In the Jan. 1 edition of the Lowell Ledger incorrect information found its way into the story about fifth-grade geography champion Dan Miller. The Ledger apologizes for this unfortunate mistake.

*** Abstract art is the kind where you are not distracted by reality. —Leonard Levinson

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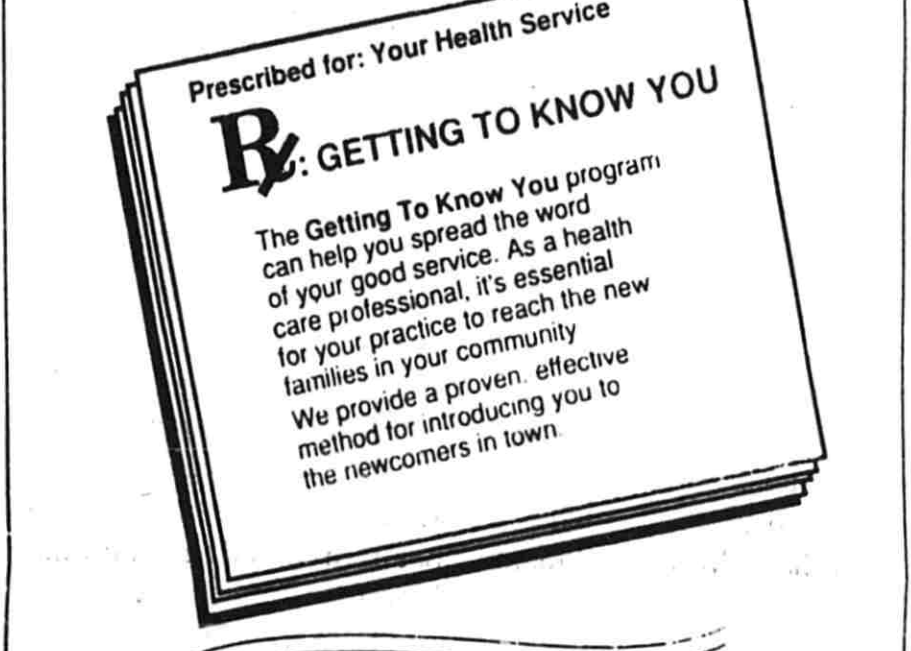


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CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.; 5 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT.
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2 APPROVED.

Approved bills totaling:
General Fund.....\$20,009.59
Sewer Fund.....\$6,535.33
Water Fund.....\$17,881.80
Trust & Agency Fund.....\$3,109.10
Tax Fund.....\$15,813.71

Business Conducted: Discussed proposed private road ordinance amendments; discussed Bowne Township fire protection costs; moved to purchase a new laser printer; moved to support the annual Maple Syrup run; received the November building report and the Sheriff's September and October reports.

Adjournment at 8:55 p.m.
Carol L. Wells
Lowell Township Clerk
(616) 897-7600

Dean calls for patience as Red Arrows work to next level

By Thaddeus J. Kraus
Lowell Ledger Editor

Editor's Note: The Ledger recently spoke to Lowell football coach Noel Dean on an array of topics including the 1996 season, the building of a football program, coaching, his father, his family, and people in his life who have influenced him.

On the 1996 Red Arrow team....

The kids played well. They were focused and played as a team - thus they executed well.

You've spoken about how pleased you were with the players and their effort - how would you critique your first year as the Lowell varsity football coach?

The coaching staff did a tremendous job. They are gentlemen first and great family people. They made sacrifices so that they could be out at the practice fields. At every opportunity they helped me.

How does the football play you saw in the O-K White compare to the area you previously coached at?

The play is different, but that is all relative. First, I came from a Class C school district. At smaller schools, there aren't as many Jeff Catlins, P. J. Cwanas, Brian Aldoffs or Jeff Stewarts. I

have been impressed with the level of pride and interest people in this area take in their children.

What makes for a good program?

A good program, whether it is a basketball, library or football program, has to have commitment from the coaching staff, parents and all involved. People have to be willing to do whatever it takes. I want the Lowell football program to be a community program. I want the football team to be a great representative of the community.

From a program standpoint, how successful was the 1996 season?

The program started with youth camps, cards to the 78ers - players of the week, and the punt, pass and kick. It is not near what we want to achieve. We've established things. Now we must go back and get better at doing them. The youth coaches are an important part of the program. If they are encouraging kids to be better kids, we will get better. If they are trying to win a super bowl, we won't. I want this to be a community-based program. It is not about us or me. Football should be a vehicle to care about kids. Lowell football players are going to be involved in community service

projects and are going to read to elementary kids. The program is going to be committed to the community.

How did you become interested in coaching?

I come from a large, athletic family. My father was a great man. He is someone I have tried to parallel my life to. My father was the most influential in my decision to coach. He always said, 'Don't worry about winning; worry about doing the little things right and winning will come.' My father was a superintendent of schools. He was always there for me. My goal is to provide my kids with something to be proud of like my father did for me. I look forward to the day when Cannon and my other kids can come to work with dad. (Noel and his wife are expecting a second child in April).

What makes a good coach?

Consistency and balancing it with individual personalities. It is a difficult thing to do. I think there also has to be a passion. You have to love it. I pinch myself every day about being at football coach at Lowell and about the opportunity given to me at Burton Bendle. It is also making sure that kids feel as if they are a part of something, that you care and want to be involved in their

lives. I guess it ties into Christmas - 'You get from giving.'

What high school sports did you participate in at Montrose?

I tried everything. I was involved in football, wrestling, baseball (JV level), track, cross country and band. I was a good wrestler and a bad football player, but football has always been my passion. I think football provides the greatest team challenge, and wrestling provides the greatest individual challenge.

What's the next level for the Lowell football program?

Basketball, cont'd... From Page 19

Lowell was never able to get things going on offense. "We struggled to get into our offense," Bush said. "We then got frustrated and began doing things we shouldn't. However, give Hastings credit... they played a good game."

While Hastings' press hurt Lowell's ability to get into its offense, Darnell Day's post play was as devastating at Lowell's defensive end. Lowell never did find an answer for Day.



Noel Dean

A level of patience. I think there also needs to be a better understanding of what a strength training program is. There is nothing wrong with a

boy becoming stronger. It won't have a negative effect on his adult life. Lifting weights is an athletic activity - not a football activity. We must dispel that myth. Kids are not going to leave Lowell High School musclebound. We're not training them to be body builders.

In what areas during the off season will you focus your energy?

Working on fundamentals. We have to be able to throw, catch, pitch, have our lines get off the ball, and we must play with tenacity on defense and fill holes.

scorers with 16 points. Kevin Brown tallied nine points and Aaron Brander contributed with eight.

The loss dropped Lowell 0-2 in the conference and 1-3 overall. The Red Arrows host Northview on Friday.

Hastings improved to 2-1 in the conference and 4-1 overall.

Jeff Catlin led all Lowell

Correction

In the Jan. 1 edition of the Ledger, the story entitled "Nothing alarming found in city audits" should have read that the energy sales exceeded purchased power costs by \$756,000 in 1992 and by \$1 million in 1996.

It takes about ten years to get used to how old you are.
—Unknown

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(NAPS)—After feasting our way through the holidays, many of us have begun to mutter that awful four-letter word—diet. Today however, dieting is no longer the punitive starvation process it once was. Weight management experts warn against going hungry because it slows the body's metabolism, enabling it to use less calories more efficiently. Dieters often cannot resume normal eating without regaining weight because the body has been programmed to function on less food.

So how does one trim extra pounds? Exercise regularly to maintain an active metabolism and eat a variety of low fat, wholesome foods. Include a generous helping of fruits and vegetables for they are low in fat and calories yet high in flavor, fiber, and nutrients. Fruits in particular seem to help the dieter because their natural sweetness is a guiltless treat that can be enjoyed any time of day.

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Both classes will meet in the Riverside Building and you must register in advance. Classes fill up fast as class size is limited.

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KARATE CLASSES

Lowell Community Education offers 2 types of Karate classes:

Sanchin-Ryu Karate classes begin on Monday, January 6 in the Riverside Building. (fliers went home from school). Athletes in Motion, a youth self-defense and safety awareness program, begins on Thursday, January 30 in the Runciman Building. (fliers will be sent home from school).

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CLASS	DATE	TIME
VEGETABLE & FLOWER GARDENING <i>Seed starting, chemicals, fertilizers & varieties to grow</i>	Tue. 3/18/97	7:00-9:30pm
DRIED FLOWERS <i>Growing, collecting and arranging dried flowers</i>	Wed. 3/19/97	7:00-9:00pm
ROSES <i>Growing roses, pruning, fertilizing, spraying and winterizing</i>	Thur. 3/20/97	7:30-9:00pm
HOME WATER GARDENING (PONDS) <i>A pond in your backyard, pre-shaped ponds, filtration, water plants & raising fish</i>	Wed. 3/26/97	7:00-9:00pm
PERENNIALS <i>Learn to design, plant and care for your perennial garden</i>	Thur. 3/27/97	7:00-9:00pm
LANDSCAPING <i>How to set off your home with annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees</i>	Thur. 4/3/97	7:30-9:00pm
ORCHIDS <i>If you have a window sill, you can grow orchids</i>	Tue. 4/15/97	7:30-8:30pm
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PROPAGATION <i>Process of multiplying the perennials in your garden</i>	Thur. 4/17/97	7:00-9:00pm
ORGANIC GARDENING <i>Growing vegetables without using harmful chemicals</i>	Mon. 4/21/97	7:00-9:00pm
VEGETABLE & FLOWER GARDENING <i>Growing vegetables & flowers without using harmful chemicals</i>	Tue. 4/22/97	7:00-9:30pm

PERENNIALS <i>Learning how to grow without chemicals</i>	Thur. 4/24/97	7:00-9:00pm
WILD FLOWERS IN YOUR GARDEN <i>Wild flowers to grow in your garden</i>	Tue. 4/29/97	7:00-9:00pm
COMPOSTING GARDEN MATERIALS <i>Compost as a soil additive, from the table to the garden</i>	Tue. 5/6/97	7:30-9:00pm
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BUSINESS Accounting I	W	1/22	\$100	6:00-10:00pm	15
HEALTH OCCUPATIONS Graduate Nurse Aide	M&W	1/20	\$175	5:00-10:00pm	8 1/2
INDUSTRIAL/MECHANICAL Auto Mechanics-Brakes	M	1/20	\$100	6:00-10:00 pm	15
Heating - Boiler Systems	M	1/20	\$100	6:00-10:00pm	15
Machining II	T	1/21	\$125	6:00-10:00pm	15
Professional Auto Body I	M	1/20	\$150	6:00-10:00pm	15
Residential-Roughing	T	1/22	\$100	6:00-10:00pm	15
Small Engine Repair	TH	1/23	\$100	6:00-10:00pm	15

Registration for high school completion students will be held at your local Community Education offices. Enrichment students may register at the Kent Career/Technical Center.

TUITION CLASSES

Class	Day	Start Date	Tuition Fee	Time	Weeks
AGRICULTURAL Landscape Design I	W	2/5	\$100	6:00-9:00pm	10
BUSINESS Building Teamwork and Teams	T	1/7	\$125	6:00-8:00pm	4
Building Teamwork and Teams	T	2/4	\$125	6:00-8:00pm	4
Building Teamwork and Teams	T	3/4	\$125	6:00-8:00pm	4
Computers For The Terrified	W	2/5	\$60	6:00-8:00pm	4
Entrepreneurship-Establishing A Small Business	T	2/4	\$100	6:00-9:00pm	10
Excel	W	4/16	\$60	6:00-9:00pm	3
Lotus 1-2-3	M	3/3	\$100	6:00-9:00pm	5
Microsoft Word For Windows	W	3/12	\$60	6:00-9:00pm	3
Peachtree	TH	2/6	\$100	6:00-9:00pm	8
Time and Self Management	T	4/15	\$125	6:00-8:00pm	4
Windows 3.1	W	3/5	\$100	6:00-9:00pm	4
Word Perfect/6.1 Windows	TH	4/17	\$100	6:00-9:00pm	4
CONSTRUCTION TRADES Residential Const.-Finishing	M	2/3	\$100	6:00-9:00pm	10
GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS Commercial Photography I	TH	2/6	\$100	6:00-9:00pm	10
INDUSTRIAL/MECHANICAL Auto Mechanics-Basic Car Care	W	2/5	\$80	6:00-9:00pm	10
Blueprint Reading	T	2/11	\$60	6:00-9:00pm	4
Blueprint Reading	T	3/11	\$60	6:00-9:00pm	4
CNC Router-Furniture	T	3/4	\$175	6:00-9:00pm	8
Professional Auto Body I	W	2/5	\$150	6:00-9:00pm	10
QUALITY Problem Solving - 8-Step Process	TH	2/13	\$150	6:00-8:00pm	4
TECHNICAL Drafting-CAD/Basic Rel. 13 Windows/DOS	T	2/4	\$125	6:00-9:00pm	10
Drafting-CAD/Intermediate Rel. 13 Windows/DOS	TH	2/6	\$125	6:00-9:00pm	10
NEC 1993 - Journeyman	T	2/4	\$220	6:00-9:00pm	10
NEC 1993 - Masters	TH	2/6	\$175	6:00-9:00pm	8

Registration for all tuition classes will be held at the Kent Career/Technical Center.

ALL COURSES WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SUPPLY AND/OR TEXTBOOK CHARGES.